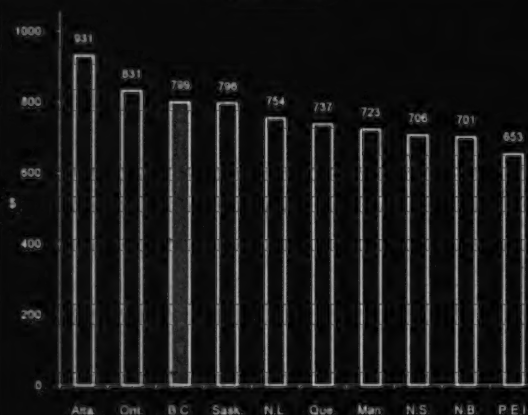


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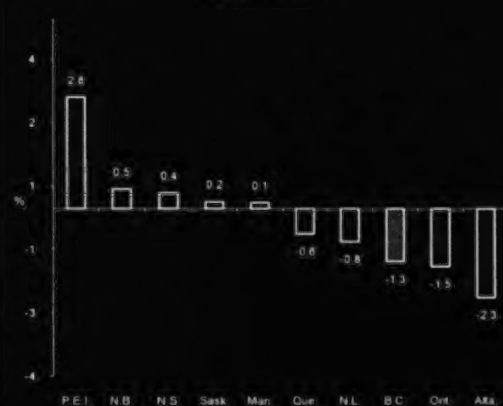
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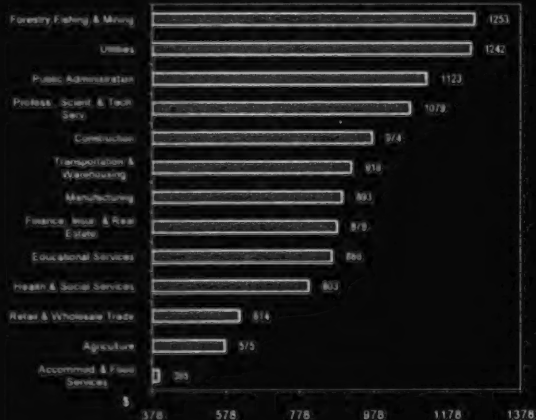


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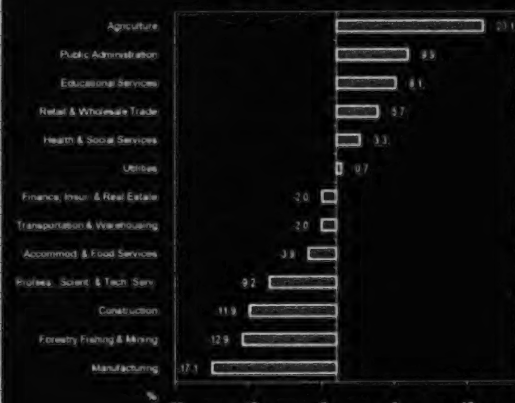
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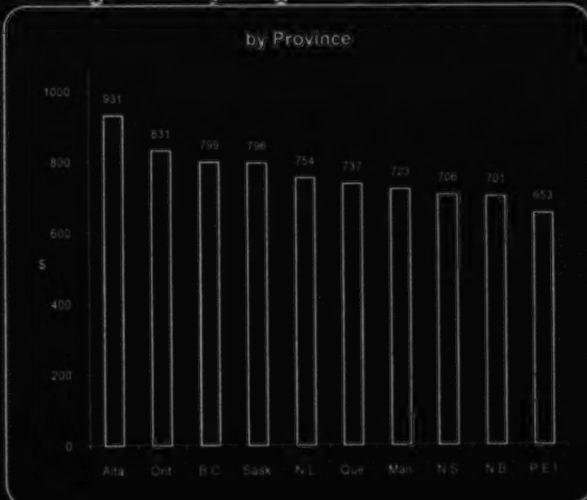
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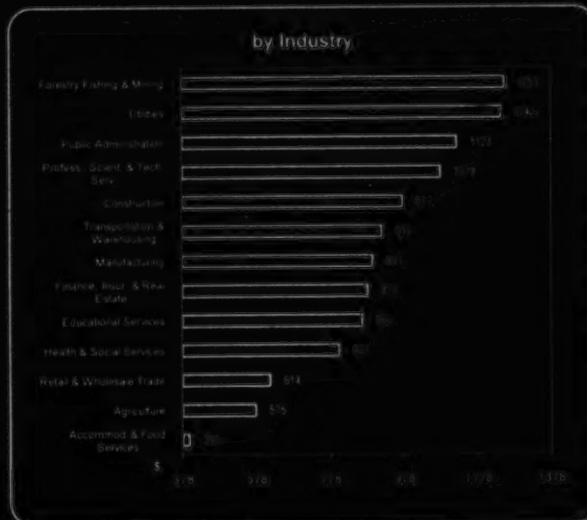
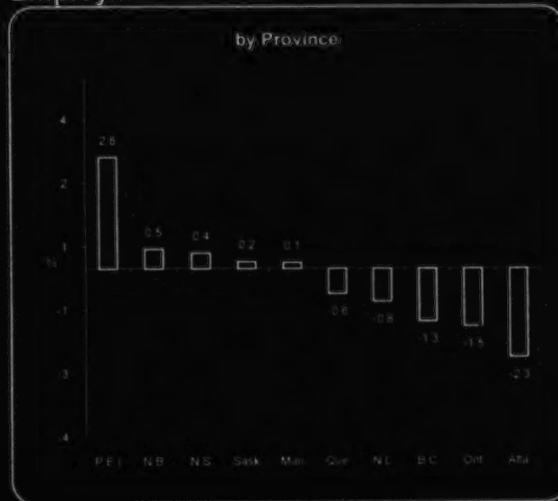
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Low Income Cut-Offs are a Poor Measure of Poverty

By Dan Schrier

For over 40 years, Statistics Canada has produced a statistic called Low Income Cut-Offs (LICOs), and for almost as many years, that statistic has been improperly cited as a measure of poverty in Canada. This, despite the fact that Statistics Canada has continually emphasized that it is inappropriate to equate LICOs with poverty lines. The LICOs are meant to quantify the extent to which some Canadians are less well-off than others and as such, is a measure of inequality, not poverty—it is possible to be worse off than the average citizen without being poor.

According to Statistics Canada, "Low income cut-offs (LICOs) are income thresholds, determined by analysing family expenditure data, below which families will devote a larger share of income to the necessities of food, shelter and clothing than the average family would."¹ For example, according to the 1992 Family Expenditures Survey, which is the most recent base for the LICOs, the average family spent 43% of its after tax income on food, shelter and clothing. Statistics Canada adds 20 percentage points to this figure using the rationale that a family spending that much more than the average would be in "straitened circumstances."

The 20 percentage point figure is purely arbitrary and was selected when the LICOs were first published back in 1967 because it was

thought that a good rule of thumb was that anyone spending more than 70% of their income on necessities should be considered to be in "straitened circumstances." At the time, the average family was spending 50% of its pre-tax income on food, shelter and clothing.² However, when the LICOs calculation was eventually re-based using a more recent survey of family expenditures to account for changes in the average spending on necessities, the 20 percentage point figure remained. As a result, the current base year (1992) calculations are based on a figure of 63% for after-tax income and 55% for before-tax income.

This arbitrary methodology used to determine LICOs alone is not enough to dismiss them as a measure of poverty, because any definition of poverty involves some subjectivity and is therefore arbitrary in nature. There are a number of other qualities of LICOs that make them a poor choice for use as a poverty line.

One of the biggest criticisms of LICOs is that the goal posts are constantly moving due to the relative nature of the measure. This means that no matter what actions a government takes to eradicate poverty, that goal can never be attained if LICOs are used as a benchmark. To illustrate, take a hypothetical future Canada where every citizen earns no less than \$100,000 (and assume there has not been rampant inflation in the meantime, such that buying power is not dissimilar to what exists today) and millionaires are common. In that kind of Canada, those at the low end of the income scale (i.e.,

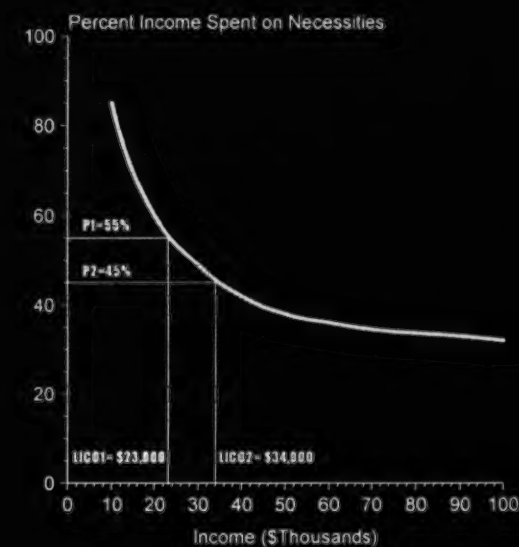
² After-tax LICOs were not calculated at that time. The equivalent before-tax figure for 1992 was 35%.

¹ Statistics Canada (June 2009). *Low Income Cut-Offs for 2008 and Low Income Measures for 2007*. Catalogue no. 75F0002M, no. 002. Minister of Industry, 2009, p.4.

those earning "merely" \$100,000) would be considered poor if LICOs were used as a measure of poverty. An argument can be made that the definition of poverty should change over time and be a reflection of current societal conditions, but it would be a stretch to consider someone to be poor just because their neighbours can afford a yacht and they can't.

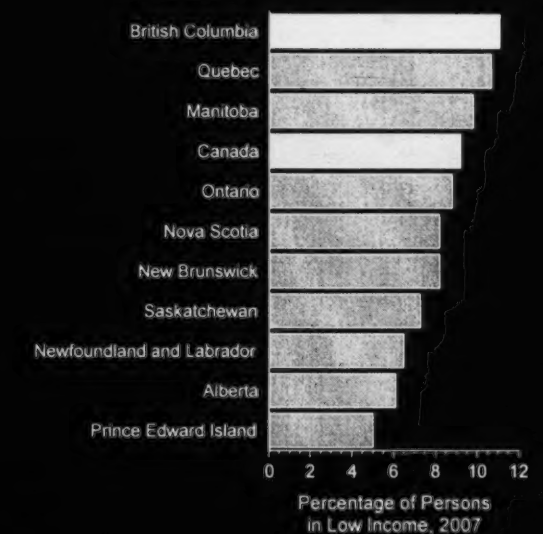
While this scenario is not very realistic, it is quite possible for the proportion of earnings spent on food, shelter and clothing to decline due to either an increase in income, or a decrease in prices. Under this scenario, the LICOs will increase such that people with higher incomes will now be under the low income cut-off as illustrated in the hypothetical chart below. In other words, an improvement in the standard of living could result in more people falling under the LICOs, which is counterintuitive to their use as a measure of poverty.

A reduction in the percentage of income spent on food, shelter and clothing will result in an increase in the LICO



One of the biggest problems with LICOs when used to analyze incomes in British Columbia is that they do not take account of regional differences in costs of food, shelter and clothing. There is recognition of differences between rural and urban areas and different LICOs are calculated for different population sizes;³ however, there is no accounting for regional variation. Based on LICOs, British Columbia had the highest incidence of low income in the country in 2007, but these LICOs are based on national expenditure figures.

According to Statistics Canada's Low Income Cut-Offs, BC has the highest incidence of low income in the country



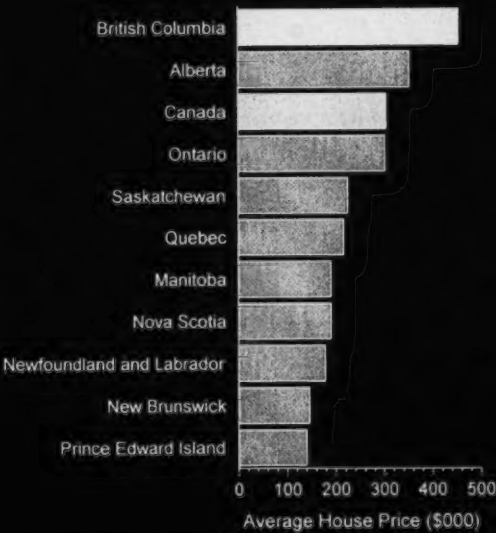
Source: Statistics Canada

To see how this can be problematic, one need look no further than the difference in the price of housing by province. British Columbia has by far the highest housing prices, on average, in the country. In 2008, the average house price in

³ Rural areas, urban areas less than 30,000 population, urban areas with population 30,000 to 99,999, urban areas with population 100,000 to 499,999 and urban areas with population 500,000 or more.

BC was almost 50% higher than the Canadian average. The problem is exacerbated even further when urban areas are compared. According to the Canadian Real Estate Association, the average price of a house on the Vancouver market in October 2009 was \$638,948 and in Victoria, the average price was \$481,500. The large urban area with the next highest average price was Toronto, at \$423,507, a third lower than the price in Vancouver. The average price of a house in Vancouver was three times that of one in Winnipeg and more than double that of one in Montreal.

British Columbia's average housing price was almost 50% higher than the national average in 2008



Source: The Canadian Real Estate Association

While the difference in rents are not quite as dramatic, they are still significantly higher in Vancouver compared to most other cities with greater than 500,000 population across the country. Given that the cost of shelter comprises by far the largest portion of spending on food, shelter and clothing, this renders LICOs a

dubious means of regional comparison, let alone as a measure of poverty.

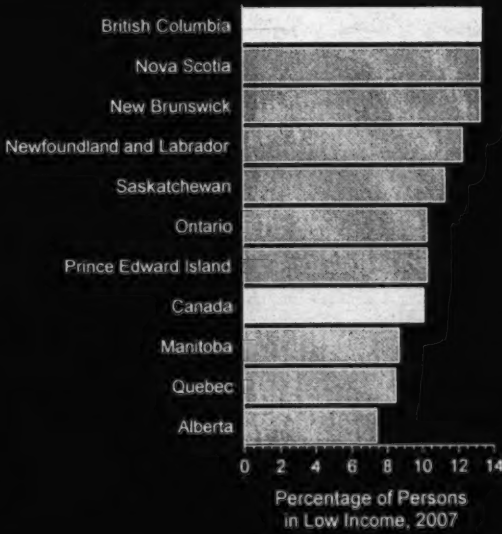
With all the problems related to using LICOs as an indicator of poverty levels, another measure was developed called the Market Basket Measure (MBM) of low income. Unlike LICOs, the MBM is not a relative measure. Low income measurement is instead based on the actual costs of "necessities." The basket of goods and services that comprise these necessities were chosen to reflect a basic standard of living in the current socio-economic environment in Canada. While the MBM is not an official measure of poverty, it is likely a better indicator of poverty levels than are the LICOs.

Nevertheless, there are criticisms of the MBM as well. Unavoidably, the choice of goods and services to include in the basket is arbitrary, which opens the door to criticism. The MBM is designed to measure a level at which a Canadian family can enjoy a modest standard of living and includes items such as magazine subscriptions and video rentals. The main criticism of this approach is that it does not arrive at a true poverty threshold and that there is still no way to determine how many Canadians do not even have the resources to cover their basic needs.

This argument is valid, but so too is the argument that an income that simply covers basic needs is not enough to lift someone out of poverty. There are needs beyond just the physical and in a country as wealthy as Canada, it can be argued that every citizen should be able to enjoy some comforts beyond just subsistence living. However, that doesn't mean that there isn't still the need for such a measure to determine the proportion of the population that is in dire need of assistance.

If we accept the MBM's definition of low income, British Columbia still ranks last in the country in terms of the percentage of the population in low income.

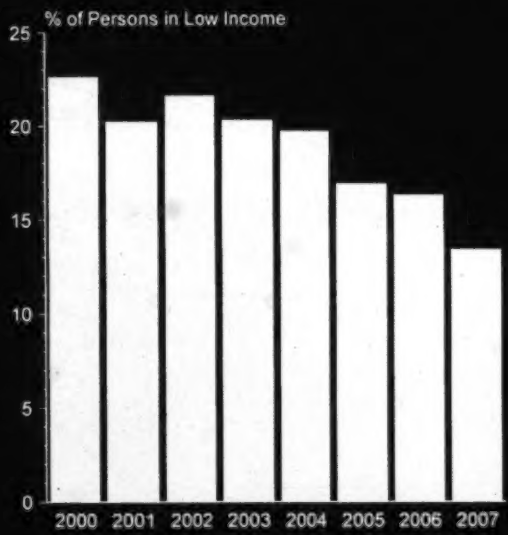
Using the Market Basket Measure, BC still has the highest incidence of low income in the country, but there is less provincial variation



Source: Human Resources and Skills Development Canada

However, there has been some positive movement over the last several years, with that percentage for British Columbia falling from 22.6% in 2000 to 13.4% in 2007. This trend has been consistent across most groups with the exception of unattached males. The ratio for this group was only slightly lower in 2007, at 33.0%, compared to 34.3% in 2000. By way of contrast, unattached females have seen a significant improvement with incidence of low income dropping from 40.4% in 2000 to 24.8% in 2007. There has also been progress with respect to children as the ratio of persons under 18 years old living in low income in BC fell from 26.1% in 2000 to 18.4% in 2007.

According to the Market Basket Measure of low income, the share of British Columbians in low income has been trending down



Source: Human Resources and Skills Development Canada

There is still no official measure of poverty in Canada and neither the LICOs nor the MBM are ideal indicators to use for that purpose, but if they are all that are available, the MBM is probably the better measure.

SUMMARY TRENDS

Consumer Price Index				Average Weekly Wage Rate						Employment Growth			Unemployment Rate			
			Current Dollars			Constant Dollars			Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted				
B.C.		Canada	U.S.A.	B.C.		Canada	U.S.A.	B.C.		Canada	U.S.A.	B.C.		Canada	U.S.A.	
% Change			% Change			% Change			% Change			(%)				
1999	1.1	1.8	2.2	3.3			1.0			1.9	2.6	1.5	8.3	7.6	4.2	
2000	1.8	2.7	3.4	1.7	3.2	3.9	-0.1	0.5	0.5	1.9	2.5	2.5	7.1	6.8	4.0	
2001	1.7	2.5	2.8	1.4	3.2	2.7	-0.3	0.7	-0.2	-0.5	1.2	0.0	7.7	7.2	4.7	
2002	2.4	2.2	1.6	3.1	2.2	2.6	0.7	0.0	1.0	2.3	2.4	-0.3	8.5	7.7	5.8	
2003	2.2	2.8	2.3	2.3	1.9	2.2	0.1	-0.9	0.0	2.5	2.4	0.9	8.0	7.6	6.0	
2004	2.0	1.8	2.7	0.4	2.6	2.1	-1.5	0.8	-0.5	2.4	1.8	1.1	7.2	7.2	5.5	
2005	2.0	2.2	3.4	2.6	3.5	2.9	0.6	1.2	-0.5	3.3	1.4	1.8	5.9	6.8	5.1	
2006	1.7	2.0	3.2	3.1	3.5	4.3	1.3	1.5	1.1	3.1	1.9	1.9	4.8	6.3	4.6	
2007	1.8	2.2	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.9	1.2	1.0	1.0	3.2	2.3	1.1	4.2	6.0	4.6	
2008	2.1	2.3	3.8	4.4	4.2	3.0	2.3	1.9	-0.8	2.1	1.5	-0.5	4.6	6.1	5.8	
2008	Jan	0.8	2.2	4.3	3.8	5.1	3.5	3.0	2.9	-0.8	2.7	2.1	0.2	4.1	5.8	4.9
	Feb	1.1	1.8	4.0	3.1	5.0	3.8	2.0	3.1	-0.2	2.4	2.2	0.1	4.2	5.9	4.8
	Mar	1.2	1.4	4.0	2.4	4.4	4.5	1.2	3.0	0.5	2.5	1.9	-0.2	4.4	6.1	5.1
	Apr	1.7	1.7	3.9	3.3	4.4	2.4	1.5	2.7	-1.5	3.5	2.0	0.4	4.4	6.0	5.0
	May	2.1	2.2	4.2	4.9	4.5	3.4	2.7	2.2	-0.8	2.5	2.0	0.0	4.5	6.1	5.5
	Jun	3.0	3.1	5.0	5.8	4.3	4.2	2.7	1.1	-0.8	2.6	1.7	-0.2	4.5	6.2	5.6
	Jul	3.3	3.4	5.6	5.9	3.6	1.8	2.5	0.2	-3.6	2.8	1.3	-0.3	4.5	6.1	5.8
	Aug	3.3	3.5	5.4	2.8	3.5	3.6	-0.5	0.0	-1.7	2.4	1.3	-0.3	4.4	6.2	6.2
	Sep	3.3	3.4	4.9	4.7	4.0	1.6	1.4	0.6	-3.2	1.9	1.5	-0.8	4.7	6.2	6.2
	Oct	2.5	2.6	3.7	6.2	3.9	3.1	3.6	1.3	-0.5	1.3	1.3	-0.8	5.2	6.3	6.6
	Nov	2.0	2.0	1.1	4.8	4.4	4.0	2.7	2.4	2.9	0.4	0.6	-1.7	5.0	6.4	6.8
	Dec	1.2	1.2	0.1	5.4	3.9	0.9	4.2	2.7	0.8	0.2	0.5	-2.0	5.3	6.6	7.2
2009	Jan	1.4	1.1	0.0	3.6	4.4	2.6	2.2	3.3	2.5	-1.7	-0.5	-2.9	6.1	7.2	7.6
	Feb	1.5	1.4	0.2	4.1	3.6	3.4	2.6	2.1	3.1	-1.9	-1.2	-3.0	6.7	7.7	8.1
	Mar	1.1	1.2	-0.4	3.8	3.7	1.2	2.7	2.4	1.6	-3.3	-1.5	-3.5	7.4	8.0	8.5
	Apr	0.3	0.4	-0.7	3.9	3.5	0.7	3.6	3.1	1.5	-2.7	-1.5	-3.6	7.4	8.0	8.9
	May	0.1	0.1	-1.3	1.6	2.3	1.1	1.5	2.2	2.4	-2.6	-1.7	-3.7	7.6	8.4	9.4
	Jun	-0.7	-0.3	-1.4	1.3	2.5	-0.7	2.0	2.7	0.8	-2.8	-1.8	-3.8	8.1	8.6	9.5
	Jul	-1.6	-0.9	-2.1	0.2	2.6	1.1	1.8	3.5	3.3	-3.2	-1.8	-3.8	7.8	8.6	9.4
	Aug	-1.1	-0.8	-1.5	3.7	2.4	1.9	4.8	3.2	3.4	-2.9	-1.7	-3.9	7.8	8.7	9.7
	Sep	-1.2	-0.9	-1.3	2.5	2.1	0.6	3.8	3.0	1.9	-2.0	-2.1	-4.3	7.4	8.4	9.8
	Oct	-0.6	0.1	-0.2	1.7	2.7	1.0	2.3	2.7	1.2	-2.2	-2.3	-4.4	8.3	8.6	10.2
	Nov	-	-	-	1.6	1.7	-	-	-	-	-1.7	-1.5	-	8.3	8.5	-
	Dec															

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PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		B.C.		Alberta		Sask.		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		N.B.		N.S.		P.E.I.		N.L.	
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg
1999	597.08		628.82		594.57		526.79		532.50		634.16		566.69		506.47		504.77		463.69		496.99	
2000	616.02	3.2	639.37	1.7	617.23	3.8	545.87	3.6	551.82	3.6	656.96	3.6	579.75	2.3	533.68	5.4	523.89	3.8	473.88	2.2	525.69	5.8
2001	635.75	3.2	648.19	1.4	653.69	5.9	571.73	4.7	562.32	1.9	678.51	3.3	596.38	2.9	537.56	0.7	543.33	3.7	496.19	4.7	549.60	4.5
2002	649.94	2.2	668.04	3.1	684.20	4.7	585.61	2.4	574.53	2.2	689.97	1.7	606.22	1.6	546.18	1.6	558.11	2.7	508.69	2.5	567.69	3.3
2003	662.44	1.9	683.68	2.3	688.04	0.6	604.82	3.3	588.61	2.5	701.35	1.6	619.30	2.2	561.46	2.8	574.14	2.9	538.53	5.9	588.26	3.6
2004	679.83	2.6	686.74	0.4	703.63	2.3	627.34	3.7	612.04	4.0	721.00	2.8	641.46	3.6	574.18	2.3	588.07	2.4	562.57	4.5	587.82	-0.1
2005	703.35	3.5	704.49	2.6	757.32	7.6	643.13	2.5	625.21	2.2	744.94	3.3	656.66	2.4	591.28	3.0	607.46	3.3	560.82	-0.3	615.82	4.8
2006	727.78	3.5	726.02	3.1	814.24	7.5	676.82	5.2	641.38	2.6	767.14	3.0	672.03	2.3	610.85	3.3	618.60	1.8	580.76	3.6	642.91	4.4
2007	751.28	3.2	747.84	3.0	859.94	5.6	708.62	4.7	674.06	5.1	786.24	2.5	687.26	2.3	639.06	4.6	653.65	5.7	596.00	2.6	675.02	5.0
2008	783.09	4.2	780.85	4.4	904.54	5.2	762.72	7.6	704.41	4.5	816.41	3.8	711.06	3.5	672.28	5.2	674.58	3.2	631.70	6.0	734.98	8.9
2008 Jan	770.02	5.1	771.68	3.8	888.68	6.9	748.18	7.2	689.24	4.1	804.75	5.7	695.34	3.8	658.95	6.3	655.28	1.6	610.63	2.6	705.63	9.0
Feb	770.29	5.0	766.55	3.1	884.35	5.4	739.37	6.6	701.85	6.7	806.20	5.5	696.64	3.9	658.54	4.3	665.20	4.7	609.32	1.5	725.89	13.7
Mar	767.70	4.4	761.02	2.4	892.65	6.3	743.18	9.2	699.03	6.6	800.63	4.4	693.83	3.4	661.33	4.3	661.17	2.5	619.79	4.9	715.13	11.6
Apr	773.54	4.4	772.40	3.3	891.80	5.9	743.02	8.6	690.21	4.4	809.48	4.8	696.84	2.5	671.20	5.2	668.41	2.5	632.14	5.9	727.35	9.6
May	777.54	4.5	777.77	4.9	885.20	5.1	747.69	8.2	701.58	5.2	814.15	4.7	706.09	3.0	668.41	4.3	662.28	1.2	635.63	5.9	725.43	9.1
Jun	781.94	4.3	782.92	5.8	885.91	4.2	754.44	9.2	705.35	4.6	818.23	3.8	714.44	3.4	668.34	3.4	667.24	2.1	643.63	7.3	731.54	10.4
Jul	781.55	3.6	788.11	5.9	894.67	3.5	767.86	9.4	708.14	4.3	812.55	2.6	715.16	2.9	669.42	5.0	664.10	2.9	637.77	11.3	723.76	9.1
Aug	788.85	3.5	777.68	2.8	908.93	4.2	774.75	7.7	718.46	4.7	821.78	2.6	722.88	4.0	670.63	5.4	680.53	3.7	631.92	9.1	743.24	10.0
Sep	796.98	4.0	790.43	4.7	924.19	5.0	786.31	7.1	712.14	4.0	832.53	3.4	720.49	3.2	684.38	6.8	692.18	4.4	625.16	5.7	763.33	9.4
Oct	793.76	3.9	795.65	6.2	926.74	6.4	778.36	6.1	711.41	3.7	824.66	2.6	718.72	3.0	676.86	4.0	683.05	3.7	636.89	6.0	754.29	6.9
Nov	797.73	4.4	789.82	4.8	937.02	5.2	787.22	7.1	708.75	2.7	828.13	3.8	724.83	4.2	688.98	6.9	694.81	4.3	642.35	5.8	747.64	4.5
Dec	796.28	3.9	796.71	5.4	933.93	4.6	779.86	5.4	705.76	3.3	822.96	2.7	725.32	4.4	689.18	6.6	699.41	4.6	650.98	4.7	753.40	5.0
2009 Jan	804.02	4.4	799.72	3.6	939.06	5.7	788.58	5.4	723.26	4.9	832.09	3.4	733.30	5.5	686.16	4.1	696.59	6.3	672.15	10.1	757.62	7.4
Feb	797.78	3.6	798.07	4.1	917.46	3.7	776.01	5.0	713.65	1.7	827.68	2.7	727.27	4.4	692.64	5.2	713.02	7.2	670.43	10.0	745.46	2.7
Mar	796.01	3.7	790.02	3.8	906.19	1.5	781.63	5.2	724.85	3.7	824.15	2.9	735.35	6.0	690.89	4.5	708.08	7.1	670.25	8.1	726.28	1.4
Apr	800.33	3.5	802.16	3.9	914.91	2.6	785.71	5.7	720.03	4.3	832.25	2.8	729.12	4.6	689.85	2.8	709.33	6.1	674.66	6.7	749.88	3.1
May	795.49	2.3	790.22	1.6	916.06	3.5	780.88	4.4	727.67	3.7	826.97	1.6	726.22	2.9	696.13	4.1	701.02	5.8	661.96	4.1	731.04	0.8
Jun	801.21	2.5	793.27	1.3	929.55	4.9	786.05	4.2	724.10	2.7	831.30	1.6	734.60	2.8	707.35	5.8	705.67	5.8	643.22	-0.1	743.76	1.7
Jul	801.51	2.6	789.41	0.2	926.41	3.5	797.82	3.9	718.60	1.5	830.52	2.2	740.44	3.5	707.60	5.7	709.61	6.9	637.48	0.0	728.22	0.6
Aug	808.08	2.4	806.56	3.7	947.44	4.2	805.41	4.0	720.64	0.3	828.22	0.8	749.27	3.7	710.09	5.9	712.29	4.7	633.74	0.3	755.32	1.6
Sep	813.44	2.1	810.38	2.5	948.00	2.6	814.94	3.6	726.06	2.0	840.66	1.0	744.61	3.3	720.53	5.3	702.72	1.5	643.48	2.9	780.37	2.2
Oct	815.58	2.7	808.81	1.7	949.97	2.5	827.30	6.3	738.34	3.8	841.09	2.0	749.81	4.3	707.62	4.5	705.42	3.3	641.76	0.8	791.28	4.9
Nov	811.48	1.7	802.41	1.6	945.06	0.9	827.48	5.1	728.90	2.8	837.27	1.1	744.85	2.8	712.83	3.5	709.01	2.0	632.38	-1.6	781.38	4.5
Dec																						
Average:																						
Jan-Nov08	781.81		779.46		901.83		760.94		704.20		815.74		709.57		670.64		672.20		629.57		733.02	
Jan-Nov09	804.08		799.18		930.92		797.44		724.19		832.02		737.71		701.97		706.61		652.86		753.60	
% Change	2.8		2.5		3.2		4.8		2.8		2.0		4.0		4.7		5.1		3.7		2.8	

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PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		B.C.		Alberta		Sask.		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		N.B.		N.S.		P.E.I.		N.L.	
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg
1999	16.17		17.34		15.76		14.21		14.48		17.00		15.72		13.34		13.45		12.28		13.06	
2000	16.66	3.0	17.64	1.7	16.29	3.4	14.73	3.7	14.98	3.5	17.59	3.5	16.07	2.2	14.01	5.0	14.01	4.2	12.63	2.9	13.74	5.2
2001	17.22	3.4	17.98	1.9	17.13	5.2	15.35	4.2	15.34	2.4	18.17	3.3	16.63	3.5	14.20	1.4	14.53	3.7	13.22	4.7	14.32	4.2
2002	17.66	2.6	18.59	3.4	17.99	5.0	15.83	3.1	15.72	2.5	18.54	2.0	16.97	2.0	14.45	1.8	14.81	1.9	13.61	3.0	14.88	3.9
2003	18.04	2.2	19.02	2.3	18.13	0.8	16.42	3.7	16.06	2.2	18.88	1.8	17.42	2.7	14.80	2.4	15.42	4.1	14.52	6.7	15.46	3.9
2004	18.50	2.5	18.99	-0.2	18.54	2.3	16.94	3.2	16.74	4.2	19.43	2.9	17.99	3.3	15.21	2.8	15.79	2.4	15.09	3.9	15.44	-0.1
2005	19.09	3.2	19.36	1.9	19.76	6.6	17.28	2.0	17.17	2.6	20.06	3.2	18.43	2.4	15.63	2.8	16.24	2.8	15.15	0.4	16.09	4.2
2006	19.72	3.3	19.91	2.8	21.12	6.9	18.11	4.8	17.55	2.2	20.65	2.9	18.87	2.4	16.21	3.7	16.65	2.5	15.48	2.2	16.60	3.2
2007	20.41	3.5	20.49	2.9	22.40	6.1	19.00	4.9	18.42	5.0	21.27	3.0	19.35	2.5	16.93	4.4	17.53	5.3	15.97	3.2	17.46	5.2
2008	21.32	4.5	21.46	4.7	23.68	5.7	20.34	7.1	19.24	4.5	22.15	4.1	20.03	3.5	17.79	5.1	18.12	3.4	16.96	6.2	18.85	8.0
2008 Jan	21.09	4.9	21.31	3.7	23.42	7.8	19.97	6.3	18.88	3.4	21.98	5.5	19.67	2.9	17.59	5.6	17.89	3.4	16.71	2.0	18.77	9.3
Feb	21.14	4.9	21.27	3.4	23.32	6.7	19.88	5.9	19.31	6.1	22.02	5.4	19.77	3.3	17.65	4.0	18.19	6.1	16.69	0.5	19.07	10.7
Mar	21.08	4.7	21.15	3.6	23.45	6.9	19.99	7.6	19.21	5.7	21.87	4.5	19.81	3.6	17.78	4.5	18.00	4.2	17.10	4.8	18.67	8.8
Apr	21.14	4.3	21.32	3.7	23.39	5.6	19.99	7.4	19.15	4.9	22.03	4.9	19.70	2.2	18.05	5.6	18.02	2.6	17.15	4.6	18.86	8.2
May	21.16	4.8	21.41	5.2	23.23	5.7	20.01	7.8	19.09	4.1	22.08	5.0	19.83	3.2	17.70	4.2	17.72	2.0	16.97	6.9	18.49	6.8
Jun	21.15	4.4	21.40	5.5	23.27	5.6	20.00	7.8	19.22	4.5	22.08	4.1	19.86	3.3	17.49	2.9	17.66	1.6	16.68	6.4	18.33	8.5
Jul	21.00	4.0	21.26	5.0	23.24	4.7	20.07	7.8	19.03	4.4	21.83	3.5	19.84	3.2	17.48	5.1	17.54	2.3	16.53	10.1	18.07	7.8
Aug	21.13	3.8	21.07	3.4	23.51	5.3	20.27	7.4	19.23	4.6	21.99	2.8	19.93	3.8	17.37	4.8	17.90	3.5	16.49	9.4	18.37	8.6
Sep	21.66	4.6	21.66	5.3	24.17	5.5	20.73	6.4	19.53	4.8	22.53	4.2	20.37	3.8	17.88	6.2	18.48	3.0	16.76	7.8	19.29	9.4
Oct	21.64	4.3	21.83	6.5	24.22	6.2	20.88	6.3	19.43	4.2	22.40	3.2	20.38	3.8	17.88	4.6	18.47	3.4	17.20	8.2	19.32	6.4
Nov	21.82	4.6	21.89	6.0	24.48	5.0	21.10	7.4	19.43	3.1	22.59	4.1	20.54	4.2	18.28	6.8	18.76	4.1	17.48	6.1	19.46	5.9
Dec	21.82	4.3	22.04	6.1	24.49	4.1	21.08	6.2	19.41	4.1	22.44	3.1	20.66	5.0	18.42	7.0	18.82	4.0	17.96	6.7	19.64	5.4
2009 Jan	22.11	4.8	22.23	4.3	24.87	6.2	21.35	6.9	19.89	5.3	22.78	3.6	20.83	5.9	18.54	5.4	18.86	5.4	18.37	9.9	19.98	6.4
Feb	21.97	3.9	22.30	4.8	24.36	4.5	21.10	6.1	19.58	1.4	22.70	3.1	20.65	4.5	18.60	5.4	19.24	5.8	18.35	9.9	19.72	3.4
Mar	21.98	4.3	22.09	4.4	24.30	3.6	21.22	6.2	19.92	3.7	22.66	3.6	20.89	5.5	18.56	4.4	19.09	6.1	18.35	7.3	19.36	3.7
Apr	22.04	4.3	22.31	4.6	24.40	4.3	21.32	6.7	19.85	3.7	22.83	3.6	20.72	5.2	18.65	3.3	19.08	5.9	18.49	7.8	19.38	2.8
May	21.87	3.4	22.10	3.2	24.40	5.0	21.15	5.7	19.90	4.2	22.63	2.5	20.56	3.7	18.52	4.6	18.77	5.9	17.53	3.3	19.04	3.0
Jun	21.89	3.5	21.97	2.7	24.70	6.1	21.19	6.0	19.70	2.5	22.71	2.9	20.51	3.3	18.55	6.1	18.87	6.9	17.21	3.2	19.08	4.1
Jul	21.71	3.4	21.81	2.6	24.31	4.6	21.21	5.7	19.38	1.8	22.49	3.0	20.47	3.2	18.51	5.9	18.83	7.4	16.95	2.5	18.68	3.4
Aug	21.83	3.3	21.96	4.2	24.90	5.9	21.30	5.1	19.60	1.9	22.39	1.8	20.73	4.0	18.49	6.4	18.77	4.9	16.90	2.5	18.94	3.1
Sep	22.21	2.5	22.37	3.3	25.07	3.7	21.95	5.9	20.00	2.4	22.87	1.5	20.94	2.8	18.96	6.0	18.95	2.5	17.42	3.9	19.78	2.5
Oct	22.35	3.3	22.46	2.9	25.16	3.9	22.20	6.3	20.25	4.2	23.01	2.7	21.13	3.7	18.68	4.5	19.02	3.0	17.50	1.7	20.35	5.3
Nov	22.32	2.3	22.34	2.1	25.08	2.5	22.34	5.9	20.18	3.9	22.94	1.5	21.13	2.9	18.97	3.8	19.23	2.5	17.51	0.2	20.41	4.9
Dec																						
Average:																						
Jan-Nov08	21.27		21.42		23.61		20.26		19.23		22.13		19.97		17.74		18.06		16.89		18.79	
Jan-Nov09	22.03		22.18		24.69		21.48		19.84		22.73		20.78		18.64		18.97		17.69		19.52	
% Change	3.5		3.6		4.6		6.0		3.2		2.7		4.0		5.1		5.1		4.7		3.9	

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PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	Canada		B.C.		Alberta		Sask.		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		N.B.		N.S.		P.E.I.		N.L.	
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1999	14,406.7		1,894.4		1,544.0		471.6		541.4		5,636.7		3,328.1		325.5		404.0		60.2		201.0	
2000	14,764.2	2.5	1,931.3	1.9	1,584.0	2.6	473.5	0.4	552.3	2.0	5,817.1	3.2	3,402.8	2.2	331.2	1.8	411.4	1.8	62.7	4.2	198.0	-1.5
2001	14,946.2	1.2	1,921.6	-0.5	1,630.9	3.0	480.3	-2.8	554.3	0.4	5,926.2	1.9	3,440.2	1.1	330.1	-0.3	415.2	0.9	63.6	1.4	203.8	2.9
2002	15,310.4	2.4	1,965.0	2.3	1,670.8	2.4	468.3	1.7	567.2	2.3	6,031.4	1.8	3,569.9	3.8	343.1	3.9	422.9	1.9	64.7	1.7	207.2	1.7
2003	15,672.3	2.4	2,014.7	2.5	1,716.7	2.7	476.1	1.7	570.3	0.5	6,213.2	3.0	3,628.8	1.6	343.1	0.0	431.2	2.0	66.1	2.2	212.3	2.5
2004	15,947.0	1.8	2,062.7	2.4	1,757.5	2.4	479.7	0.8	576.6	1.1	6,316.5	1.7	3,680.5	1.4	350.1	2.0	442.2	2.6	66.9	1.2	214.3	0.9
2005	16,169.7	1.4	2,130.5	3.3	1,784.4	1.5	483.5	0.8	580.3	0.6	6,397.7	1.3	3,717.3	1.0	350.5	0.1	443.1	0.2	68.2	1.9	214.1	-0.1
2006	16,484.3	1.9	2,195.5	3.1	1,870.7	4.8	491.6	1.7	587.0	1.2	6,492.7	1.5	3,765.4	1.3	355.4	1.4	441.8	-0.3	68.6	0.6	215.7	0.7
2007	16,866.4	2.3	2,266.3	3.2	1,959.4	4.7	501.8	2.1	596.5	1.6	6,593.8	1.6	3,851.7	2.3	362.8	2.1	447.6	1.3	69.3	1.0	217.1	0.6
2008	17,125.8	1.5	2,314.3	2.1	2,013.3	2.8	512.7	2.2	606.7	1.7	6,687.3	1.4	3,881.7	0.8	366.2	0.9	453.2	1.3	70.2	1.3	220.3	1.5
2008 Jan	16,710.8	2.1	2,274.3	2.8	1,970.6	3.6	496.0	0.5	591.7	2.1	6,533.8	1.5	3,785.9	2.3	350.1	2.2	436.8	1.0	65.2	0.6	206.5	4.0
Feb	16,810.5	2.3	2,275.1	2.4	1,973.6	3.0	499.8	1.5	593.3	1.8	6,595.7	2.1	3,813.6	2.5	353.8	2.6	432.2	-0.3	65.6	1.2	207.8	2.4
Mar	16,845.2	2.0	2,305.3	2.6	1,987.6	3.5	500.1	1.1	594.2	1.4	6,586.4	1.9	3,809.5	1.5	352.0	2.0	436.1	0.7	66.8	2.1	207.3	1.8
Apr	16,915.5	2.0	2,304.5	3.5	1,985.1	3.0	503.1	1.8	606.6	3.3	6,629.2	2.2	3,805.8	0.5	354.7	1.4	447.0	1.0	66.5	1.1	213.0	2.6
May	17,289.8	1.9	2,330.0	2.4	2,022.5	3.0	517.5	1.7	612.8	1.4	6,774.5	2.1	3,903.0	1.1	368.7	0.4	457.8	0.7	74.0	3.1	228.9	3.0
Jun	17,499.4	1.8	2,354.9	2.6	2,056.0	3.0	521.1	2.2	620.7	2.1	6,797.4	1.7	3,984.3	0.8	381.3	-0.4	469.5	2.3	77.2	3.8	237.0	2.8
Jul	17,417.9	1.2	2,350.1	2.7	2,039.5	2.0	514.9	1.2	617.5	2.4	6,758.2	1.0	3,970.9	-0.2	382.4	0.6	469.9	2.7	74.5	1.2	240.1	1.5
Aug	17,391.9	1.3	2,347.0	2.4	2,032.5	1.9	519.6	3.0	612.3	1.5	6,787.2	1.3	3,938.1	0.0	381.9	0.8	463.3	1.5	76.5	1.9	233.4	1.1
Sep	17,230.2	1.6	2,315.9	1.9	2,020.2	2.3	522.5	3.6	607.0	1.3	6,718.9	1.7	3,917.5	0.5	372.8	0.9	458.4	2.3	73.0	1.7	224.1	-0.1
Oct	17,270.7	1.3	2,312.9	1.3	2,035.4	3.2	521.6	3.4	609.3	0.8	6,754.6	1.1	3,912.5	0.4	371.1	1.5	462.1	1.8	70.2	-1.8	221.0	0.5
Nov	17,117.8	0.6	2,308.6	0.5	2,025.1	3.2	520.7	2.9	609.0	0.8	6,665.3	0.1	3,888.8	0.1	365.2	-0.4	452.4	0.9	67.3	0.9	215.3	0.0
Dec	17,010.5	0.5	2,292.8	0.2	2,011.2	1.5	516.0	3.4	606.2	1.7	6,645.9	0.3	3,850.2	0.1	360.2	-0.1	452.6	0.3	66.3	-0.2	209.2	-1.8
2009 Jan	16,600.9	-0.7	2,233.7	-1.8	1,994.1	1.2	512.6	3.3	595.2	0.6	6,463.6	-1.1	3,746.7	-1.0	353.3	0.9	439.4	0.6	63.3	-2.9	199.1	-3.6
Feb	16,578.2	-1.4	2,226.9	-2.1	1,978.0	0.2	514.3	2.9	599.0	1.0	6,452.3	-2.2	3,751.0	-1.6	351.4	-0.7	441.0	2.0	64.1	-2.3	200.2	-3.7
Mar	16,538.8	-1.8	2,221.9	-3.6	1,967.6	-1.0	511.0	2.2	592.8	-0.2	6,435.0	-2.3	3,753.3	-1.5	350.2	-0.5	438.7	0.6	64.4	-3.6	203.9	-1.6
Apr	16,645.1	-1.6	2,238.1	-2.9	1,966.9	-0.9	512.8	1.9	598.4	-1.4	6,468.3	-2.4	3,794.9	-0.3	353.2	-0.4	443.5	-0.8	64.7	-2.7	204.3	-4.1
May	16,952.3	-2.0	2,269.2	-2.6	2,000.7	-1.1	530.1	2.4	615.7	0.5	6,530.0	-3.6	3,888.3	-0.4	370.4	0.5	460.6	0.6	71.7	-3.1	215.7	-5.8
Jun	17,158.7	-1.9	2,286.5	-2.9	2,024.0	-1.6	535.6	2.8	618.8	-0.3	6,582.3	-3.2	3,954.4	-0.8	384.3	0.8	465.6	-0.8	75.6	-2.1	231.6	-2.3
Jul	17,070.8	-2.0	2,272.1	-3.3	2,007.3	-1.6	526.3	2.2	616.1	-0.2	6,572.7	-2.7	3,924.2	-1.2	381.9	-0.1	464.2	-1.2	74.1	-0.5	231.9	-3.4
Aug	17,080.4	-1.8	2,282.9	-2.7	2,000.4	-1.6	521.4	0.3	618.8	1.1	6,605.6	-2.7	3,904.3	-0.9	380.3	-0.4	462.7	-0.1	74.6	-2.5	229.4	-1.7
Sep	16,901.3	-1.9	2,272.5	-1.9	1,981.1	-1.9	521.8	-0.1	609.0	0.3	6,534.5	-2.7	3,858.1	-1.5	374.2	0.4	453.6	-1.0	72.3	-1.0	224.3	0.1
Oct	16,909.4	-2.1	2,265.2	-2.1	1,966.6	-3.4	520.6	-0.2	607.9	-0.2	6,573.1	-2.7	3,858.1	-1.4	373.1	0.5	458.4	-0.8	71.6	2.0	214.8	-2.8
Nov	16,924.1	-1.1	2,277.7	-1.3	1,979.5	-2.3	521.6	0.2	609.9	0.1	6,567.6	-1.5	3,863.9	-0.6	367.0	0.5	454.2	0.4	69.2	2.8	213.5	-0.8
Dec																						
Average:																						
Jan-Nov08	17,136.3		2,316.2		2,013.5		512.4		606.8		6,691.0		3,884.5		366.7		453.2		70.6		221.3	
Jan-Nov09	16,850.9		2,258.8		1,987.8		520.7		607.4		6,525.9		3,845.2		367.2		452.9		69.6		215.3	
% Change	-1.7		-2.5		-1.3		1.6		0.1		-2.5		-1.0		0.1		-0.1		-1.4		-2.7	

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	Canada		B.C.		Alberta		Sask.		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		N.B.		N.S.		P.E.I.		N.L.	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1999	34.2		32.5		35.0		34.9		34.2		34.6		34.0		35.0		34.1		35.0		34.9	
2000	34.5	0.9	32.2	2.2	35.7	2.0	35.2	0.9	34.5	0.9	34.7	0.3	33.8	-0.6	35.5	1.4	34.2	0.3	35.4	1.1	35.0	0.3
2001	33.8	-2.0	32.2	-3.0	35.7	0.0	34.7	-1.4	34.0	-1.4	34.2	-1.4	32.7	-3.3	34.7	-2.3	33.8	-1.2	35.1	-0.8	34.5	-1.4
2002	33.5	-0.9	32.0	-0.6	34.9	-2.2	34.1	-1.7	33.3	-2.1	34.0	-0.6	32.6	-0.3	34.6	-0.3	33.4	-1.2	34.5	-1.7	34.2	-0.9
2003	32.9	-1.8	31.8	-0.6	34.7	-0.6	33.7	-1.2	33.3	0.0	33.2	-2.4	31.9	-2.1	34.1	-1.4	32.9	-1.5	33.9	-1.7	33.3	-2.6
2004	33.3	1.2	32.3	1.6	34.9	0.6	33.8	0.3	33.3	0.0	33.7	1.5	32.3	1.3	33.8	-0.9	32.1	-2.4	33.0	-2.7	33.4	0.3
2005	33.5	0.6	32.6	0.9	35.5	1.7	34.4	1.8	33.4	0.3	33.8	0.3	32.5	0.6	34.2	1.2	33.1	3.1	33.8	2.4	34.1	2.1
2006	33.3	-0.6	32.5	-0.3	35.4	-0.3	34.5	0.3	33.4	0.0	33.4	-1.2	32.0	-1.5	34.3	0.3	32.9	-0.6	34.4	1.8	34.5	1.2
2007	33.3	0.0	32.9	1.2	35.8	1.1	34.8	0.9	33.8	1.2	33.5	0.3	31.6	-1.3	34.2	-0.3	33.3	1.2	33.8	-1.7	34.7	0.6
2008	33.1	-0.6	32.4	-1.5	35.1	-2.0	34.5	-0.9	33.3	-1.5	33.1	-1.2	31.9	0.9	33.9	-0.9	32.9	-1.2	33.4	-1.2	34.4	-0.9
2008 Jan	33.8	0.6	33.0	-0.6	35.7	-1.4	34.2	-0.6	34.2	1.8	34.1	0.6	32.6	1.9	34.4	1.2	33.7	0.3	32.6	-1.2	34.3	1.5
Feb	33.5	0.6	32.9	-0.9	35.3	-1.7	33.5	4.4	32.9	-0.3	33.5	0.3	32.8	2.8	33.4	-1.8	33.3	0.3	32.1	0.0	35.0	5.7
Mar	32.5	-0.6	32.8	-0.6	36.5	0.6	34.5	-0.3	34.5	2.4	31.1	-1.9	32.2	0.0	33.6	-2.0	30.8	1.0	31.6	-0.6	33.5	-0.3
Apr	34.2	-0.3	33.3	-2.1	35.8	0.6	35.4	-0.3	34.3	-1.4	34.4	-1.4	33.1	1.8	34.3	-0.9	34.2	0.9	33.0	0.0	35.6	4.4
May	34.3	-0.9	33.2	-1.8	35.4	-1.1	37.3	0.5	34.7	0.6	34.4	-0.9	33.4	-0.9	35.3	-0.3	34.3	-2.3	36.1	0.0	36.7	3.4
Jun	34.6	-0.9	33.8	0.0	35.8	-2.5	36.4	0.3	34.6	-2.3	34.9	-0.9	33.2	-0.9	35.9	0.6	35.0	-0.8	36.6	-2.7	36.8	0.0
Jul	31.8	2.3	31.8	-0.6	34.0	-0.9	33.2	-1.2	32.1	0.3	32.0	-1.8	29.7	16.0	33.1	0.6	32.5	0.6	33.9	1.5	34.1	-3.4
Aug	31.3	-1.3	31.5	0.6	33.7	-3.2	33.8	-0.6	32.2	-0.6	31.5	-1.9	28.9	-1.7	32.6	1.9	31.4	-0.6	32.3	-2.4	31.8	-3.6
Sep	34.6	0.0	33.4	-0.9	36.7	-0.8	38.1	2.4	35.1	-1.1	34.7	-0.3	33.2	0.0	35.8	0.8	34.5	0.3	35.5	-0.8	36.1	-0.8
Oct	30.3	-1.3	30.1	-2.0	33.1	-1.2	31.9	-2.1	30.6	-1.3	29.9	-1.6	29.0	-0.3	31.8	-0.6	30.5	-1.9	31.7	-2.2	32.6	-0.3
Nov	32.2	-5.8	29.7	-9.7	33.1	-10.3	31.2	-11.4	30.4	-12.1	33.4	-2.9	32.1	-2.7	31.5	-10.0	30.4	-11.1	30.9	-8.3	31.5	-12.3
Dec	33.7	-1.5	33.0	-1.5	35.7	-1.7	34.3	-3.1	34.3	-1.2	33.7	-2.3	32.6	-0.9	34.6	-0.3	34.3	-0.3	33.7	1.8	34.6	-2.8
2009 Jan	33.1	-2.1	32.3	-2.1	35.3	-1.1	33.8	-1.2	33.2	-2.9	33.1	-2.9	31.8	-2.5	34.4	0.0	33.5	-0.6	33.0	1.2	33.6	-2.0
Feb	31.9	-4.8	32.2	-2.1	33.3	-5.7	30.2	-9.9	31.7	-3.6	31.5	-6.0	31.8	-3.0	33.9	1.5	32.7	-1.8	32.9	2.5	32.5	-7.1
Mar	31.8	-2.2	30.2	-7.9	34.5	-5.5	33.9	-1.7	34.6	0.3	30.9	-0.6	31.9	-0.9	34.0	1.2	30.8	0.0	30.0	-5.1	33.2	-0.9
Apr	30.8	-9.9	30.5	-8.4	31.7	-11.5	30.7	-13.3	32.9	-4.1	31.7	-7.8	28.5	-13.9	31.9	-7.0	31.7	-7.3	30.8	-6.7	31.4	-11.8
May	33.6	-2.0	32.1	-3.3	34.6	-2.3	36.1	-3.2	35.0	0.9	33.9	-1.5	32.7	-2.1	34.9	-1.1	34.7	1.2	36.6	1.4	35.3	-3.8
Jun	33.9	-2.0	32.9	-2.7	35.0	-2.2	35.1	-3.6	35.1	1.4	34.0	-2.6	33.1	-0.3	35.6	-0.8	34.5	-1.4	36.5	-0.3	36.6	-0.5
Jul	31.4	-1.3	31.3	-1.6	32.7	-3.8	31.8	-4.2	31.3	-2.5	31.8	-0.6	29.7	0.0	32.7	-1.2	32.4	-0.3	33.1	-2.4	33.5	-1.6
Aug	30.5	-2.6	30.3	-3.8	31.7	-5.9	31.8	-5.9	30.5	-5.3	31.3	-0.6	28.1	-2.8	32.1	-1.5	31.8	1.3	32.5	0.6	32.1	0.9
Sep	34.2	-1.2	33.3	-0.3	35.8	-2.5	37.2	-2.4	34.7	-1.1	34.1	-1.7	33.2	0.0	35.6	-0.6	34.2	-0.9	34.7	-2.3	35.8	-0.8
Oct	29.9	-1.3	29.6	-1.7	31.6	-4.5	31.1	-2.5	30.5	-0.3	29.7	-0.7	29.0	0.0	31.4	-1.3	30.7	0.7	31.7	0.0	32.2	-1.2
Nov	31.7	-1.6	29.4	-1.0	31.6	-4.5	31.2	0.0	29.9	-1.6	32.9	-1.5	31.9	-0.6	31.4	-0.3	29.6	-2.6	30.3	-1.9	30.5	-3.2
Dec																						
Average:																						
Jan-Nov08	33.0		32.3		35.0		34.5		33.2		33.1		31.8		33.8		32.8		33.3		34.4	
Jan-Nov09	32.1		31.3		33.4		33.0		32.7		32.3		31.1		33.4		32.4		32.9		33.3	
% Change	-2.8		-3.2		-4.5		-4.4		-1.7		-2.5		-2.4		-1.0		-1.1		-1.1		-3.0	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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B.C. SECTOR COMPARISON - EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

	Average Weekly Wage rate				Average Hourly Wage Rate				Employment (Actual)				Average Weekly Hours Worked*				
	Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	
1999	763.14		594.48		19.20		16.86		393.8		1,500.5		36.2		31.5		
2000	764.48	0.2	607.09	2.1	19.26	0.3	17.23	2.2	406.3	3.2	1,525.0	1.6	36.9	1.9	32.3	2.5	
2001	780.91	2.1	616.03	1.5	19.60	1.8	17.59	2.1	382.3	-5.9	1,539.3	0.9	36.3	-1.6	31.2	-3.4	
2002	787.66	0.9	638.67	3.7	19.91	1.6	18.27	3.9	392.2	2.6	1,572.8	2.2	35.8	-1.4	31.0	-0.6	
2003	809.71	2.8	651.68	2.0	20.47	2.8	18.66	2.1	416.4	6.2	1,598.3	1.6	35.6	-0.6	30.8	-0.6	
2004	793.81	-2.0	658.93	1.1	19.94	-2.6	18.74	0.4	436.9	4.9	1,625.8	1.7	36.3	2.0	31.2	1.3	
2005	807.50	1.7	678.52	3.0	20.20	1.3	19.15	2.2	452.7	3.6	1,677.8	3.2	36.7	1.1	31.5	1.0	
2006	836.11	3.5	698.28	2.9	20.87	3.3	19.67	2.7	463.9	2.5	1,731.6	3.2	36.5	-0.5	31.5	0.0	
2007	881.25	5.4	712.93	2.1	21.92	5.0	20.11	2.2	495.7	6.9	1,770.6	2.3	37.0	1.4	31.8	1.0	
2008	914.52	3.8	746.25	4.7	22.92	4.6	21.09	4.9	501.5	1.2	1,812.8	2.4	36.2	-2.2	31.3	-1.6	
2008	Jan	905.96	5.2	736.64	3.3	22.95	7.2	20.88	2.8	491.0	3.5	1,783.3	2.5	36.2	0.6	32.1	-0.9
	Feb	891.76	2.1	734.99	3.4	22.71	4.3	20.90	3.1	481.2	3.0	1,793.9	2.3	35.6	-5.8	32.1	0.3
	Mar	892.56	2.1	726.09	2.3	22.43	3.6	20.81	3.5	504.7	4.6	1,800.6	2.1	36.6	-1.1	31.8	-0.3
	Apr	924.95	6.8	733.39	2.3	23.26	8.0	20.83	2.6	486.5	0.2	1,818.0	4.5	36.9	-2.6	32.4	-1.5
	May	921.69	5.7	740.89	4.7	23.12	7.2	20.97	4.6	496.9	0.2	1,833.1	3.1	37.1	-1.9	32.2	-1.5
	Jun	915.74	4.5	748.72	6.3	22.79	4.7	21.04	5.8	507.4	-0.6	1,847.5	3.5	38.2	-0.5	32.6	0.6
	Jul	901.58	2.4	756.44	6.9	22.52	2.6	20.91	5.7	530.8	3.4	1,819.4	2.5	36.7	-0.3	30.4	-0.7
	Aug	904.06	1.0	743.82	3.5	22.44	1.4	20.70	4.1	528.5	2.7	1,818.5	2.3	36.4	-0.8	30.0	0.7
	Sep	900.92	-0.1	761.36	6.5	22.60	1.2	21.42	6.6	515.6	1.8	1,800.3	2.0	37.5	-0.3	32.3	-0.9
	Oct	928.77	4.4	761.53	7.0	22.96	3.3	21.54	7.5	500.8	-0.4	1,812.2	1.8	33.5	-1.8	29.2	-1.7
	Nov	923.49	4.2	756.53	5.2	23.18	4.2	21.56	6.5	491.6	-2.7	1,817.1	1.4	33.2	-9.3	28.8	-9.7
	Dec	968.34	8.2	754.95	4.9	24.20	8.2	21.52	5.6	482.9	-1.5	1,809.8	0.7	36.5	-3.2	32.1	-0.9
2009	Jan	989.24	9.2	757.94	2.9	24.87	8.4	21.65	3.7	441.7	-10.0	1,792.0	0.5	34.9	-3.6	31.7	-1.2
	Feb	963.78	8.1	761.18	3.6	24.27	6.9	21.86	4.6	438.4	-8.9	1,788.5	-0.3	34.9	-2.0	31.5	-1.9
	Mar	954.72	7.0	754.70	3.9	24.13	7.6	21.65	4.0	429.0	-15.0	1,792.9	-0.4	34.8	-4.9	29.0	-8.8
	Apr	976.91	5.6	763.04	4.0	24.48	8.2	21.82	4.8	447.5	-8.0	1,790.7	-1.5	34.5	-6.5	29.5	-9.0
	May	938.98	1.9	757.52	2.2	23.97	3.7	21.69	3.4	444.7	-10.5	1,824.4	-0.5	36.2	-2.4	31.1	-3.4
	Jun	932.94	1.9	761.84	1.8	23.62	3.6	21.60	2.7	458.2	-9.7	1,828.2	-1.0	37.5	-1.8	31.8	-2.5
	Jul	931.88	3.4	756.65	0.0	23.66	5.1	21.38	2.2	458.1	-13.7	1,813.9	-0.3	35.9	-2.2	30.2	-0.7
	Aug	928.33	2.7	778.11	4.6	23.32	3.9	21.64	4.5	462.3	-12.4	1,820.1	0.1	35.2	-3.3	29.0	-3.3
	Sep	941.18	4.5	778.99	2.3	23.55	4.2	22.09	3.1	464.0	-10.0	1,808.5	0.5	37.2	-0.8	32.3	0.0
	Oct	958.69	3.2	773.88	1.6	24.03	4.7	22.09	2.6	452.1	-9.7	1,813.1	0.0	32.6	-2.7	28.8	-1.4
	Nov	970.14	5.1	766.10	1.3	24.50	5.7	21.88	1.5	433.3	-11.9	1,844.4	1.5	33.0	-0.6	28.5	-1.0
	Dec																
Average:																	
Jan-Nov08	910.13		745.49		22.81		21.05		503.2		1,813.1		36.2		31.3		
Jan-Nov09	953.34		764.54		24.04		21.76		448.2		1,810.6		35.2		30.3		
% Change	4.7		2.6		5.4		3.4		-10.9		-0.1		-2.8		-3.1		

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg
1999	763.14		518.47		943.23		919.16		756.61		706.60	
2000	764.48	0.2	443.18	-14.5	945.49	0.2	952.59	3.6	750.08	-0.9	737.24	4.3
2001	780.91	2.1	463.69	4.6	974.68	3.1	945.04	-0.8	762.88	1.7	786.23	6.6
2002	787.66	0.9	458.57	-1.1	953.33	-2.2	980.51	3.8	784.68	2.9	778.14	-1.0
2003	809.71	2.8	479.92	4.7	968.26	1.6	1079.10	10.1	807.45	2.9	779.83	0.2
2004	793.81	-2.0	494.54	3.0	1019.25	5.3	998.53	-7.5	791.22	-2.0	784.30	0.6
2005	807.50	1.7	506.64	2.4	1047.49	2.8	1056.01	5.8	803.36	1.5	778.92	-0.7
2006	836.11	3.5	488.52	-3.6	1089.11	4.0	1089.09	3.1	826.97	2.9	823.56	5.7
2007	881.25	5.4	564.12	15.5	1116.85	2.5	1115.35	2.4	857.46	3.7	872.28	5.9
2008	914.52	3.8	538.64	-4.5	1178.91	5.6	1163.90	4.4	881.56	2.8	908.30	4.1
2008 Jan	905.96	5.2	515.24	-1.0	1122.72	1.6	1007.74	-11.9	904.98	10.2	889.53	2.8
Feb	891.76	2.1	628.35	14.0	1194.06	10.8	1059.71	-20.2	857.79	2.5	866.20	0.2
Mar	892.56	2.1	545.06	-2.1	1189.99	8.6	1127.41	-10.3	846.73	1.0	900.53	1.9
Apr	924.95	6.8	574.74	-2.4	1186.57	15.0	1074.81	-3.5	911.91	6.3	901.21	5.5
May	921.69	5.7	513.97	-12.3	1110.89	7.1	1305.76	18.1	893.56	2.7	920.97	7.6
Jun	915.74	4.5	502.77	-8.1	1142.92	5.9	1206.68	0.8	893.90	2.9	916.35	7.0
Jul	901.58	2.4	517.17	-11.8	1200.99	6.8	1179.26	6.1	874.33	3.0	888.46	-0.1
Aug	904.06	1.0	559.21	-0.5	1180.74	4.7	1261.59	12.3	879.46	-0.9	890.89	1.9
Sep	900.92	-0.1	541.63	-5.3	1201.68	-2.2	1224.56	10.5	858.29	-1.1	884.74	-1.3
Oct	928.77	4.4	494.91	-15.2	1224.57	3.0	1220.47	18.9	880.19	3.1	932.10	5.5
Nov	923.49	4.2	498.41	-8.7	1186.02	3.9	1169.24	19.1	865.94	0.7	934.05	6.0
Dec	968.34	8.2	571.31	5.0	1206.33	4.1	1129.01	10.2	914.31	4.0	979.34	13.5
2009 Jan	989.24	9.2	539.09	4.6	1216.08	8.3	1258.78	24.9	942.27	4.1	992.34	11.6
Feb	963.78	8.1	468.42	-25.5	1290.91	8.1	1241.99	17.2	908.39	5.9	964.75	11.4
Mar	954.72	7.0	539.38	-1.0	1184.41	-0.5	1215.26	7.8	892.74	5.4	1002.83	11.4
Apr	976.91	5.6	529.48	-7.9	1356.92	14.4	1240.39	15.4	893.04	-2.1	1032.80	14.6
May	938.98	1.9	536.69	4.4	1240.84	11.7	1270.79	-2.7	884.64	-1.0	958.48	4.1
Jun	932.94	1.9	466.01	-7.3	1247.93	9.2	1233.08	2.2	864.85	-3.2	970.26	5.9
Jul	931.88	3.4	583.85	12.9	1114.42	-7.2	1283.51	8.8	879.36	0.6	969.35	9.1
Aug	928.33	2.7	625.88	11.9	1261.71	6.9	1233.40	-2.2	835.74	-5.0	967.42	8.6
Sep	941.18	4.5	585.19	8.0	1328.91	10.6	1289.81	5.3	874.74	1.9	954.53	7.9
Oct	958.69	3.2	668.30	35.0	1340.41	9.5	1245.90	2.1	911.57	3.6	933.71	0.2
Nov	970.14	5.1	783.65	57.2	1241.34	4.7	1265.30	8.2	918.06	6.0	956.35	2.4
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Nov08	910.13		535.59		1176.47		1167.02		878.83		902.28	
Jan-Nov09	953.34		575.09		1256.72		1252.56		891.40		972.98	
% Change	4.7		7.4		6.8		7.3		1.4		7.8	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service						Public Administration		Total All Industries				
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services						Accommod., Food & Bev.		
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg			
1999	594.48		733.87		503.61		627.82		776.25		738.95		624.62		318.75		791.92		628.82		
2000	607.09	2.1	730.56	-0.5	489.95	-2.7	677.15	7.9	778.28	0.3	766.76	3.8	635.84	1.8	338.07	6.1	813.88	2.8	639.37	1.7	
2001	616.03	1.5	770.96	5.5	488.29	-0.3	682.44	0.8	808.78	3.9	745.10	-2.8	660.53	3.9	344.40	1.9	825.90	1.5	648.19	1.4	
2002	638.67	3.7	801.51	4.0	502.66	2.9	732.43	7.3	850.34	5.1	776.52	4.2	688.72	4.3	334.46	-2.9	889.68	7.7	668.04	3.1	
2003	651.68	2.0	803.93	0.3	522.83	4.0	728.90	-0.5	859.44	1.1	791.53	1.9	707.75	2.8	350.03	4.7	906.69	1.9	683.68	2.3	
2004	658.93	1.1	788.53	-1.9	521.95	-0.2	721.30	-1.0	841.32	-2.1	825.68	4.3	732.99	3.6	362.56	3.6	911.87	0.6	686.74	0.4	
2005	678.52	3.0	838.68	6.4	522.12	0.0	732.85	1.6	930.40	10.6	852.02	3.2	727.40	-0.8	385.89	6.4	952.45	4.5	704.49	2.6	
2006	698.28	2.9	853.73	1.8	560.93	7.4	767.73	4.8	953.97	2.5	848.00	-0.5	749.46	3.0	375.41	-2.7	990.00	3.9	726.02	3.1	
2007	712.93	2.1	873.77	2.3	577.42	2.9	773.66	0.8	973.70	2.1	843.70	-0.5	741.20	-1.1	394.13	5.0	1013.49	2.4	747.84	3.0	
2008	746.25	4.7	920.34	5.3	598.55	3.7	832.20	7.6	990.64	1.7	896.47	6.3	782.85	5.6	398.17	1.0	1042.99	2.9	780.85	4.4	
2008	Jan	736.64	3.3	923.14	8.5	557.35	-4.8	831.60	11.0	1012.60	3.2	871.47	3.9	770.54	-0.2	370.23	-2.2	1018.47	0.3	771.68	3.8
	Feb	734.99	3.4	946.82	10.4	586.02	3.3	830.82	12.4	962.82	-1.6	859.58	4.3	763.05	-0.5	351.44	-7.2	1021.94	0.6	766.55	3.1
	Mar	726.09	2.3	922.01	7.4	563.52	0.9	819.91	4.1	954.48	-6.5	878.21	6.4	775.66	3.2	365.70	-3.4	1040.07	0.4	761.02	2.4
	Apr	733.39	2.3	935.11	8.3	571.63	-5.4	846.99	11.2	978.13	-0.3	877.77	6.7	768.47	4.1	369.99	-6.3	1022.63	-1.1	772.40	3.3
	May	740.89	4.7	953.99	11.7	594.01	1.9	824.35	4.7	932.29	-0.3	912.96	9.5	785.68	8.0	387.21	-1.1	1021.36	-0.8	777.77	4.9
	Jun	748.72	6.3	862.29	1.2	597.57	3.8	807.24	3.3	993.25	6.6	923.54	7.2	793.33	13.2	395.96	0.7	1045.93	0.8	782.92	5.8
	Jul	756.44	6.9	909.25	1.4	619.85	5.4	782.22	4.5	956.30	0.0	970.46	11.2	797.81	10.7	442.29	8.5	1043.13	1.4	788.11	5.9
	Aug	743.82	3.5	899.87	0.0	599.35	2.2	839.31	10.1	965.97	-3.7	929.31	2.5	795.96	7.6	449.27	5.2	1020.17	0.2	777.68	2.8
	Sep	761.36	6.5	916.75	2.5	625.52	8.4	855.08	9.9	1007.28	2.4	908.61	7.4	803.97	10.4	423.83	2.9	1038.32	5.4	790.43	4.7
	Oct	761.53	7.0	934.62	3.6	629.25	9.2	844.56	7.7	1018.28	7.8	916.79	9.5	789.32	6.6	401.78	0.5	1032.51	6.1	795.65	6.2
	Nov	756.53	5.2	921.06	8.3	623.05	7.4	861.14	7.0	1050.28	9.9	876.62	3.6	752.95	1.3	414.53	6.7	1087.95	8.5	789.82	4.8
	Dec	754.95	4.9	928.13	2.4	619.52	13.0	841.47	6.0	1073.11	5.4	853.60	2.1	797.13	3.8	401.79	7.1	1125.60	13.7	796.71	5.4
2009	Jan	757.94	2.9	957.27	3.7	611.99	9.8	896.53	7.8	1092.56	7.9	842.45	-3.3	766.64	-0.5	382.98	3.4	1120.55	10.0	799.72	3.6
	Feb	761.18	3.6	954.00	0.8	636.27	8.6	905.49	9.0	1022.65	6.2	815.90	-5.1	780.02	2.2	385.77	9.8	1134.01	11.0	798.07	4.1
	Mar	754.70	3.9	932.66	1.2	605.25	7.4	843.38	2.9	1096.97	14.9	814.53	-7.3	799.23	3.0	382.98	4.7	1120.61	7.7	790.02	3.8
	Apr	763.04	4.0	983.29	5.2	588.28	2.9	883.30	4.3	1089.08	11.3	819.47	-6.6	817.98	6.4	387.54	4.7	1141.90	11.7	802.16	3.9
	May	757.52	2.2	934.80	-2.0	605.33	1.9	876.37	6.3	1090.12	16.9	846.07	-7.3	830.03	5.6	391.21	1.0	1050.64	2.9	790.22	1.6
	Jun	761.84	1.8	897.74	4.1	604.35	1.1	864.17	7.1	1108.01	11.6	873.58	-5.4	816.00	2.9	404.64	2.2	1122.82	7.4	793.27	1.3
	Jul	756.65	0.0	913.47	0.5	607.08	-2.1	863.03	10.3	1067.97	11.7	909.64	-6.3	807.54	1.2	402.64	-9.0	1113.16	6.7	789.41	0.2
	Aug	778.11	4.6	877.10	-2.5	628.64	4.9	924.32	10.1	1111.40	15.1	942.86	1.5	817.41	2.7	415.67	-7.5	1120.59	9.8	806.56	3.7
	Sep	778.99	2.3	875.30	-4.5	613.59	-1.9	893.94	4.5	1113.79	10.6	903.01	-0.6	816.67	1.6	392.94	-7.3	1132.67	9.1	810.38	2.5
	Oct	773.88	1.6	865.95	-7.3	624.03	-0.8	897.04	6.2	1055.95	3.7	877.12	-4.3	796.76	0.9	397.92	-1.0	1148.93	11.3	808.81	1.7
	Nov	766.10	1.3	895.32	-2.8	622.31	-0.1	862.32	0.1	1026.09	-2.3	888.10	1.3	785.86	4.4	392.10	-5.4	1139.60	4.7	802.41	1.6
	Dec																				
Average:																					
Jan-Nov08	745.49		920.45		597.01		831.20		984.70		902.30		781.52		397.48		1035.68		779.46		
Jan-Nov09	764.54		916.99		613.37		882.72		1079.51		866.61		803.10		394.22		1122.32		799.18		
% Change	2.6		-0.4		2.7		6.2		9.6		-4.0		2.8		-0.8		8.4		2.5		

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg
1999	19.20		13.72		21.93		24.16		19.14		18.23	
2000	19.26	0.3	11.38	-17.1	22.71	3.6	24.75	2.4	18.95	-1.0	18.93	3.8
2001	19.60	1.8	11.92	4.7	22.80	0.4	24.76	0.0	19.29	1.8	19.89	5.1
2002	19.91	1.6	11.83	-0.8	22.32	-2.1	25.92	4.7	19.88	3.1	20.02	0.7
2003	20.47	2.8	12.77	7.9	23.20	3.9	28.13	8.5	20.47	3.0	19.91	-0.5
2004	19.94	-2.6	12.61	-1.3	24.00	3.4	25.81	-8.2	20.01	-2.2	19.78	-0.7
2005	20.20	1.3	12.69	0.6	24.19	0.8	27.57	6.8	20.31	1.5	19.57	-1.1
2006	20.87	3.3	12.74	0.4	25.21	4.2	28.00	1.6	20.92	3.0	20.52	4.9
2007	21.92	5.0	14.48	13.7	25.42	0.8	28.91	3.3	21.61	3.3	21.84	6.4
2008	22.92	4.6	14.05	-3.0	26.86	5.7	30.05	3.9	22.33	3.3	23.00	5.3
2008 Jan	22.95	7.2	14.43	9.2	26.65	5.2	26.84	-9.3	23.02	11.2	22.58	3.8
Feb	22.71	4.3	17.06	18.6	27.27	10.0	27.98	-18.0	22.13	4.6	22.33	3.2
Mar	22.43	3.6	13.75	-3.4	26.43	5.4	29.56	-6.3	21.58	2.7	22.95	4.4
Apr	23.26	8.0	14.17	-5.0	26.42	8.5	28.74	3.4	23.11	7.8	23.22	8.4
May	23.12	7.2	14.14	-3.3	26.32	8.5	32.31	14.3	22.62	4.1	23.15	9.0
Jun	22.79	4.7	12.95	-1.8	25.70	3.8	30.82	0.9	22.45	2.8	23.12	7.4
Jul	22.52	2.6	13.23	-6.2	27.25	4.2	29.53	3.5	22.03	1.7	22.59	2.6
Aug	22.44	1.4	13.14	-5.4	27.30	6.6	31.83	9.5	22.00	-1.0	22.46	3.4
Sep	22.60	1.2	13.85	-3.9	27.22	2.8	30.76	3.2	21.81	-0.6	22.59	0.9
Oct	22.96	3.3	13.56	-12.5	27.43	4.8	31.30	16.8	22.05	1.4	23.13	3.6
Nov	23.18	4.2	13.90	-13.1	26.95	3.0	31.21	15.7	22.03	1.2	23.52	6.5
Dec	24.20	8.2	16.17	0.0	27.40	6.1	29.79	12.3	23.28	5.4	24.48	11.5
2009 Jan	24.87	8.4	15.80	9.5	28.62	7.4	33.10	23.3	23.89	3.8	24.95	10.5
Feb	24.27	6.9	14.42	-15.5	29.04	6.5	32.08	14.7	23.01	4.0	24.84	11.2
Mar	24.13	7.6	15.31	11.3	28.14	6.5	32.23	9.0	22.77	5.5	25.20	9.8
Apr	24.48	5.2	14.02	-1.1	30.04	13.7	32.44	12.9	23.17	0.3	25.52	9.9
May	23.97	3.7	13.45	-4.9	30.23	14.9	33.50	3.7	22.79	0.8	24.52	5.9
Jun	23.62	3.6	12.09	-6.6	28.57	11.2	32.46	5.3	22.39	-0.3	24.60	6.4
Jul	23.66	5.1	13.74	3.9	26.95	-1.1	32.62	10.5	22.99	4.4	24.38	7.9
Aug	23.32	3.9	15.88	20.9	27.91	2.2	32.45	1.9	21.99	0.0	24.01	6.9
Sep	23.55	4.2	14.71	6.2	29.06	6.8	32.16	4.6	22.53	3.3	24.04	6.4
Oct	24.03	4.7	16.71	23.2	29.04	5.9	31.49	0.6	23.27	5.5	24.03	3.9
Nov	24.50	5.7	19.24	38.4	28.02	4.0	32.74	4.9	23.43	6.4	24.60	4.6
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Nov08	22.81		14.02		26.81		30.08		22.26		22.88	
Jan-Nov09	24.04		15.03		28.69		32.48		22.93		24.61	
% Change	5.4		7.3		7.0		8.0		3.0		7.6	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service				Public Administration		Total All Industries	
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	Profess., Scient. & Tech Services	Education	Health and Social Services	Accommod., Food & Bev.	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg
1999	16.86		19.03		14.09		17.15		20.47	22.02	18.98	10.29	21.56		17.34	
2000	17.23	2.2	18.70	-1.7	13.95	-1.0	18.41	7.3	20.36	-0.5	19.29	1.6	21.88	1.5	17.64	1.7
2001	17.59	2.1	20.06	7.3	13.96	0.1	18.62	1.1	21.42	5.2	20.17	4.6	22.56	3.1	17.98	1.9
2002	18.27	3.9	20.38	1.6	14.45	3.5	19.92	7.0	22.52	5.1	21.03	4.3	23.93	6.1	18.59	3.4
2003	18.66	2.1	20.43	0.2	14.93	3.3	19.78	-0.7	22.71	0.8	21.91	4.2	24.40	2.0	19.02	2.3
2004	18.74	0.4	19.95	-2.3	14.94	0.1	19.80	0.1	22.11	-2.6	22.04	0.6	24.81	1.7	18.99	-0.2
2005	19.15	2.2	21.16	6.1	14.97	0.2	19.89	0.5	24.30	9.9	21.87	-0.8	25.88	4.3	19.36	1.9
2006	19.67	2.7	21.42	1.2	15.75	5.2	20.78	4.5	25.03	3.0	22.40	2.4	26.54	2.6	19.91	2.8
2007	20.11	2.2	21.93	2.4	16.16	2.6	21.01	1.1	25.26	0.9	22.50	0.4	27.21	2.5	20.49	2.9
2008	21.09	4.9	23.52	7.3	16.76	3.7	22.76	8.3	25.96	2.8	23.55	4.7	28.16	3.5	21.46	4.7
2008 Jan	20.88	2.8	23.27	7.5	15.87	-3.5	22.67	11.0	25.85	2.5	22.60	-3.0	27.66	1.2	21.31	3.7
Feb	20.90	3.1	23.96	9.5	16.43	1.5	22.60	10.7	25.28	-0.8	23.08	-0.7	27.90	2.5	21.27	3.4
Mar	20.81	3.5	23.26	8.0	16.19	2.0	22.94	8.9	25.07	-3.6	23.53	2.5	28.41	2.4	21.15	-3.6
Apr	20.83	2.6	23.30	8.5	16.32	-1.3	22.84	9.8	25.52	0.8	22.86	-0.3	27.95	0.9	21.32	3.7
May	20.97	4.6	24.31	12.5	16.78	4.2	22.52	6.4	24.82	1.7	23.06	2.3	27.32	-0.4	21.41	5.2
Jun	21.04	5.8	22.60	5.5	16.95	6.8	21.99	4.7	25.97	7.0	23.70	7.1	28.13	1.6	21.40	5.5
Jul	20.91	5.7	23.03	3.3	16.96	4.0	21.75	6.9	25.40	2.1	23.55	7.2	27.73	1.5	21.26	5.0
Aug	20.70	4.1	22.68	0.5	16.50	2.3	23.29	12.4	25.78	-0.6	23.99	7.5	27.52	1.6	21.07	3.4
Sep	21.42	6.6	23.48	5.8	17.28	6.7	23.34	11.0	26.69	5.2	24.26	10.7	28.02	6.6	21.66	5.3
Oct	21.54	7.5	24.48	8.4	17.40	7.9	23.13	8.6	26.46	7.6	23.97	7.9	27.91	5.3	21.83	6.5
Nov	21.56	6.5	24.20	11.4	17.20	5.2	23.00	6.3	27.33	7.9	23.67	6.3	29.28	7.2	21.89	6.0
Dec	21.52	5.6	23.97	7.8	17.32	9.3	23.01	4.3	27.80	5.4	24.23	8.8	30.23	12.3	22.04	6.1
2009 Jan	21.65	3.7	24.03	3.3	17.35	9.3	24.28	7.1	28.04	8.5	23.71	4.9	30.23	9.3	22.23	4.3
Feb	21.86	4.6	24.47	2.1	17.83	8.5	24.04	6.4	26.59	5.2	24.07	4.3	29.91	7.2	22.30	4.8
Mar	21.65	4.0	23.89	2.7	17.32	7.0	22.97	0.1	28.43	13.4	24.36	3.5	29.88	5.2	22.09	4.4
Apr	21.82	4.8	24.62	5.7	16.94	3.8	23.92	4.7	28.85	13.0	24.70	8.0	30.10	7.7	22.31	4.6
May	21.69	3.4	23.96	-1.4	17.33	3.3	23.90	6.1	28.33	14.1	24.74	7.3	28.34	3.7	22.10	3.2
Jun	21.60	2.7	23.01	1.8	17.17	1.3	23.47	6.7	28.76	10.7	24.39	2.9	29.44	4.7	21.97	2.7
Jul	21.38	2.2	23.01	-0.1	17.21	1.5	23.23	6.8	28.49	12.2	24.17	2.6	29.27	5.6	21.81	2.6
Aug	21.64	4.5	22.46	-1.0	17.48	5.9	24.32	4.4	28.95	12.3	23.97	-0.1	29.70	7.9	21.96	4.2
Sep	22.09	3.1	22.44	-4.4	17.59	1.8	24.06	3.1	29.11	9.1	24.58	1.3	30.13	7.5	22.37	3.3
Oct	22.09	2.6	22.71	-7.2	17.86	2.6	24.23	4.8	27.54	4.1	24.21	1.0	30.57	9.5	22.46	2.9
Nov	21.88	1.5	23.13	-4.4	17.61	2.4	23.36	1.6	26.79	-2.0	24.24	2.4	30.52	4.2	22.34	2.1
Dec																
Average:																
Jan-Nov08	21.05		23.51		16.72		22.73		25.83		23.48		27.98		21.42	
Jan-Nov09	21.76		23.43		17.43		23.80		28.17		24.29		29.83		22.18	
% Change	3.4		-0.3		4.2		4.7		9.0		3.4		6.6		3.6	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.4A B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Goods Prod. Industries (incl. Utilities)		Agriculture		Forestry		Fishing and Trapping		Mining		Total Manufacturing		Selected Breakout of Manufacturing						Construction	
													Food and Beverage		Wood		Paper and Allied			
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1999	393.8		28.1		30.0		3.8		14.8		191.8		21.6		42.4		22.4		114.3	
2000	406.3	3.2	29.7	5.7	35.5	18.3	4.3	13.2	12.8	-13.5	202.5	5.6	23.4	8.3	45.7	7.8	17.8	-20.5	111.1	-2.8
2001	382.3	-5.9	25.5	-14.1	24.7	-30.4	4.7	9.3	11.3	-11.7	194.9	-3.8	25.6	9.4	48.9	7.0	15.0	-15.7	110.7	-0.4
2002	392.2	2.6	29.0	13.7	25.3	2.4	3.1	-34.0	9.2	-18.6	196.6	0.9	27.0	5.5	43.8	-10.4	17.0	13.3	118.1	6.7
2003	416.4	6.2	32.9	13.4	27.7	9.5	4.6	48.4	13.3	44.6	206.8	5.2	31.7	17.4	49.0	11.9	14.4	-15.3	119.8	1.4
2004	436.9	4.9	36.9	12.2	21.5	-22.4	2.9	-37.0	11.1	-16.5	211.2	2.1	31.4	-0.9	46.9	-4.3	12.0	-16.7	144.0	20.2
2005	452.7	3.6	38.7	4.9	21.6	0.5	2.1	-27.6	13.8	24.3	198.2	-6.2	31.5	0.3	45.8	-2.3	12.3	2.5	168.0	16.7
2006	463.9	2.5	34.7	-10.3	21.7	0.5	2.7	28.6	19.4	40.6	197.5	-0.4	24.4	-22.5	44.8	-2.2	15.1	22.8	179.3	6.7
2007	495.7	6.9	36.2	4.3	24.3	12.0	2.9	7.4	20.0	3.1	205.1	3.8	28.3	16.0	44.7	-0.2	15.2	0.7	196.9	9.8
2008	501.5	1.2	33.7	-6.9	17.4	-28.4	2.2	-24.1	25.8	29.0	187.4	-8.6	30.7	8.5	34.3	-23.3	13.2	-13.2	220.8	12.1
2008 Jan	491.0	3.5	37.7	25.7	22.6	-2.2	3.2	88.2	20.2	-15.8	187.3	-6.3	32.8	18.4	29.3	-18.2	19.4	35.7	205.5	9.6
Feb	481.2	3.0	33.9	8.0	22.0	6.3	3.1	n.a.	19.9	-16.7	181.6	-10.7	31.6	22.5	29.1	-21.8	15.5	-2.5	206.3	16.4
Mar	504.7	4.6	36.5	14.8	22.4	10.9	2.5	31.6	18.5	-7.5	195.0	-9.4	34.4	23.7	34.7	-23.1	16.5	-1.2	214.2	15.7
Apr	486.5	0.2	34.7	8.4	17.1	-15.8	1.8	-55.0	24.9	33.2	180.2	-14.4	22.6	-24.9	34.3	-16.3	14.1	-14.5	214.5	12.1
May	496.9	0.2	30.5	-17.3	19.5	-17.7	1.8	-40.0	24.0	28.3	189.5	-8.6	26.2	-7.1	40.4	-5.8	11.1	-38.0	218.7	10.6
Jun	507.4	-0.6	35.0	-7.4	19.6	-28.2	1.6	-11.1	25.0	19.0	191.2	-8.8	27.7	10.4	39.9	-19.2	10.9	-24.8	221.7	8.9
Jul	530.8	3.4	36.8	-11.8	18.0	-32.8	n.a.	n.a.	27.5	38.9	199.2	-6.3	34.3	31.9	39.6	-25.7	11.3	-30.7	233.3	17.7
Aug	528.5	2.7	40.7	0.2	13.1	-47.6	2.5	-59.0	28.8	46.2	187.9	-7.6	32.0	24.5	37.6	-32.1	11.3	-31.1	240.2	15.4
Sep	515.6	1.8	33.6	-16.6	12.8	-46.7	2.1	-40.0	29.9	61.6	185.5	-11.5	29.7	0.3	35.8	-33.9	11.1	-22.9	237.1	18.4
Oct	500.8	-0.4	32.0	-23.6	13.0	-51.7	2.4	-25.0	29.1	47.7	181.8	-10.4	31.1	0.0	31.2	-32.3	12.4	0.8	227.3	16.1
Nov	491.6	-2.7	26.4	-25.6	13.1	-52.0	2.0	-23.1	29.8	78.4	186.4	-8.0	32.3	6.3	33.6	-18.6	11.3	-18.1	220.0	5.7
Dec	482.9	-1.5	27.2	-22.3	16.1	-39.7	2.0	-35.5	31.7	63.4	182.7	-0.5	33.6	4.0	25.7	-26.4	13.6	-0.7	210.7	0.6
2009 Jan	441.7	-10.0	23.7	-37.1	14.3	-36.7	3.1	-3.1	28.4	40.6	163.1	-12.9	30.0	-8.5	24.2	-17.4	11.7	-39.7	196.3	-4.5
Feb	438.4	-8.9	27.3	-19.5	15.4	-30.0	3.4	9.7	25.5	28.1	163.6	-9.9	34.3	8.5	24.6	-15.5	13.8	-11.0	192.7	-6.6
Mar	429.0	-15.0	29.2	-20.0	12.7	-43.3	2.3	-8.0	25.9	40.0	165.8	-15.0	35.4	2.9	22.6	-34.9	12.2	-26.1	180.2	-15.9
Apr	447.5	-8.0	33.6	-3.2	10.4	-39.2	2.7	50.0	23.3	-6.4	175.5	-2.6	32.7	44.7	28.2	-17.8	12.8	-9.2	188.6	-12.1
May	444.7	-10.5	35.9	17.7	10.4	-46.7	1.5	-16.7	25.3	5.4	165.1	-12.9	35.8	36.6	28.9	-28.5	9.3	-16.2	193.4	-11.6
Jun	458.2	-9.7	40.4	15.4	13.0	-33.7	1.9	18.8	23.5	-6.0	163.7	-14.4	33.6	21.3	27.1	-32.1	12.0	10.1	202.6	-8.6
Jul	458.1	-13.7	40.2	9.2	13.7	-23.9	2.1	n.a.	24.6	-10.5	164.3	-17.5	24.1	-29.7	27.3	-31.1	10.9	-3.5	201.8	-13.5
Aug	462.8	-12.4	39.5	-2.9	14.2	8.4	1.9	-24.0	26.2	-9.0	166.3	-11.5	27.7	-13.4	26.6	-29.3	8.6	-23.9	204.7	-14.8
Sep	464.0	-10.0	39.2	16.7	15.2	18.8	1.9	-9.5	21.8	-27.1	173.2	-6.6	30.7	3.4	31.4	-12.3	11.1	0.0	199.3	-15.9
Oct	452.1	-9.7	41.0	28.1	15.9	22.3	1.7	-29.2	23.8	-18.2	157.0	-13.6	24.0	-22.8	28.8	-7.7	9.6	-22.6	199.0	-12.5
Nov	433.3	-11.9	31.7	20.1	13.7	4.6	1.9	-5.0	23.5	-21.1	154.6	-17.1	27.5	-14.9	28.1	-16.4	9.4	-16.8	193.8	-11.9
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Nov08	503.2		34.3		17.6		n.a.		25.2		187.8		30.4		35.0		13.2		221.7	
Jan-Nov09	448.2		34.7		13.5		2.2		24.7		164.7		30.5		27.1		11.0		195.7	
% Change	-10.9		1.0		-22.9		n.a.		-2.1		-12.3		0.3		-22.7		-16.2		-11.7	

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Total Comm., & Personal Service		Selected Breakout of Comm. & Pers. Service						Public Administration		Total All Industries	
											Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod. Food & Bev.					
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1999	1,500.5		115.9		304.8		121.0		866.3		127.3		193.3		149.1		92.5		1,894.4	
2000	1,525.0	1.6	116.9	0.9	300.8	-1.3	118.3	-2.2	896.5	3.5	136.6	7.3	201.2	4.1	154.5	3.6	92.4	-0.1	1,931.3	1.9
2001	1,539.3	0.9	112.4	-3.8	303.3	0.8	120.9	2.2	913.1	1.9	138.3	1.2	196.8	-2.2	163.7	6.0	89.5	-3.1	1,921.6	-0.5
2002	1,572.8	2.2	112.9	0.4	324.9	7.1	123.3	2.0	923.6	1.1	139.3	0.7	211.6	7.5	162.5	-0.7	88.1	-1.6	1,965.0	2.3
2003	1,598.3	1.6	119.6	5.9	327.8	0.9	124.5	1.0	933.3	1.1	140.1	0.6	213.3	0.8	159.4	-1.9	93.0	5.6	2,014.7	2.5
2004	1,625.8	1.7	116.5	-2.6	315.8	-3.7	129.2	3.8	967.1	3.6	135.9	-3.0	219.2	2.8	175.3	10.0	97.2	4.5	2,062.7	2.4
2005	1,677.8	3.2	118.7	1.9	334.6	6.0	132.9	2.9	996.5	3.0	146.1	7.5	217.4	-0.8	175.8	0.3	95.1	-2.2	2,130.5	3.3
2006	1,731.6	3.2	119.5	0.7	353.7	5.7	138.0	3.8	1,029.1	3.3	156.0	6.8	232.2	6.8	170.5	-3.0	91.3	-4.0	2,195.5	3.1
2007	1,770.6	2.3	125.6	5.1	365.0	3.2	145.0	5.1	1,039.1	1.0	156.1	0.1	239.7	3.2	172.7	1.3	95.9	5.0	2,266.3	3.2
2008	1,812.8	2.4	128.0	1.9	354.8	-2.8	147.2	1.5	1,079.8	3.9	161.6	3.5	245.6	2.5	178.1	3.1	102.9	7.3	2,314.3	2.1
2008 Jan	1,783.3	2.5	126.5	5.9	349.1	-0.5	145.1	5.5	1,068.7	3.1	175.2	8.3	246.3	5.3	164.5	-5.4	94.0	-0.7	2,274.3	2.8
Feb	1,793.9	2.3	128.4	-1.6	355.7	0.4	147.9	5.7	1,062.8	2.1	165.9	-2.3	240.9	-0.9	173.5	3.9	99.2	12.6	2,275.1	2.4
Mar	1,800.6	2.1	130.0	4.4	362.8	1.9	134.1	-10.1	1,069.7	2.7	161.5	-4.6	240.6	-3.2	175.9	4.4	104.0	13.5	2,305.3	2.6
Apr	1,818.0	4.5	130.4	7.9	357.8	3.1	142.2	-2.1	1,081.9	4.6	168.4	3.1	233.1	-3.5	183.4	11.2	105.9	13.4	2,304.5	3.5
May	1,833.1	3.1	127.9	0.6	350.2	-4.2	150.8	0.9	1,095.2	5.1	171.1	4.7	239.5	2.2	185.3	9.6	109.0	15.8	2,330.0	2.4
Jun	1,847.5	3.5	137.1	7.0	358.0	-2.1	144.9	-2.1	1,100.7	5.3	174.1	11.7	244.6	1.1	182.5	2.1	106.8	9.5	2,354.9	2.6
Jul	1,819.4	2.5	131.7	0.7	348.2	-7.6	155.4	3.6	1,077.9	6.0	140.9	16.1	245.9	2.8	183.2	3.9	106.3	7.0	2,350.1	2.7
Aug	1,818.5	2.3	135.3	7.2	363.5	-3.7	142.0	-4.8	1,075.3	4.8	130.8	9.8	243.3	3.4	186.6	-2.6	102.4	4.8	2,347.0	2.4
Sep	1,800.3	2.0	129.2	5.1	343.1	-5.7	148.9	3.5	1,080.5	4.1	155.4	-2.3	253.0	7.0	174.3	1.0	98.7	2.1	2,315.9	1.9
Oct	1,812.2	1.8	125.3	4.0	346.9	-7.3	151.2	6.0	1,080.8	3.3	163.1	1.6	255.3	4.8	171.7	0.2	108.1	11.4	2,312.9	1.3
Nov	1,817.1	1.4	112.4	-10.7	358.3	-5.2	155.4	8.9	1,090.4	4.0	164.5	0.5	254.8	5.3	174.7	2.9	100.5	3.4	2,308.6	0.5
Dec	1,809.8	0.7	122.2	-6.9	363.4	-1.9	149.0	5.0	1,074.8	2.4	168.4	1.1	249.8	5.9	181.1	7.5	100.4	-2.8	2,292.8	0.2
2009 Jan	1,792.0	0.5	117.8	-6.9	346.1	-0.9	151.2	4.2	1,073.3	0.4	163.7	-6.6	255.3	3.7	175.0	6.4	103.6	10.2	2,233.7	-1.8
Feb	1,788.5	-0.3	116.8	-9.0	346.6	-2.6	148.2	0.2	1,079.4	1.6	170.1	2.5	259.4	7.7	171.7	-1.0	97.6	-1.6	2,226.9	-2.1
Mar	1,792.9	-0.4	121.8	-6.3	346.0	-4.6	139.7	4.2	1,085.1	1.4	163.6	1.3	259.8	8.0	180.4	2.6	100.3	-3.6	2,221.9	-3.6
Apr	1,790.7	-1.5	114.0	-12.6	358.6	0.2	132.0	-7.2	1,089.0	0.7	168.9	0.3	266.2	14.2	171.5	-6.5	97.1	-8.3	2,238.1	-2.9
May	1,824.4	-0.5	114.3	-10.6	373.9	6.8	131.3	-12.9	1,092.2	-0.3	166.0	-3.0	255.8	6.8	175.9	-5.1	112.6	3.3	2,269.2	-2.6
Jun	1,828.2	-1.0	113.4	-17.3	374.2	4.5	134.2	-7.4	1,101.3	0.1	165.6	-4.9	258.0	5.5	177.5	-2.7	105.1	-1.6	2,286.5	-2.9
Jul	1,813.9	-0.3	117.3	-10.9	378.8	8.8	144.7	-6.9	1,068.1	-0.9	132.2	-6.2	262.0	6.5	170.5	-6.9	105.1	-1.1	2,272.1	-3.3
Aug	1,820.1	0.1	119.4	-11.8	388.9	7.0	138.1	-2.7	1,060.1	-1.4	137.8	5.4	252.3	3.7	171.2	-8.3	113.8	11.1	2,282.9	-2.7
Sep	1,808.5	0.5	112.8	-12.7	377.2	9.9	148.1	-0.5	1,058.6	-2.0	162.7	4.7	263.3	4.1	164.6	-5.6	111.8	13.3	2,272.5	-1.9
Oct	1,813.1	0.0	113.0	-9.8	379.0	9.3	147.9	-2.2	1,061.9	-1.7	164.8	1.0	263.7	3.3	167.5	-2.4	111.2	2.9	2,265.2	-2.1
Nov	1,844.4	1.5	110.1	-2.0	378.8	5.7	152.3	-2.0	1,092.9	0.2	177.9	8.1	263.1	3.3	167.9	-3.9	110.4	9.9	2,277.7	-1.3
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Nov08	1,813.1		128.6		354.0		147.1		1,080.4		161.0		245.2		177.8		103.2		2,316.2	
Jan-Nov09	1,810.6		115.5		368.0		142.5		1,078.4		161.2		259.9		172.2		106.2		2,258.8	
% Change	-0.1		-10.1		4.0		-3.1		-0.2		0.1		6.0		-3.2		3.0		-2.5	

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry, Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1999	36.2		37.5		39.0		33.0		36.7		34.1	
2000	36.9	1.9	37.7	0.5	37.3	-4.4	35.6	7.9	37.5	2.2	35.4	3.8
2001	36.3	-1.6	38.6	2.4	37.6	0.8	34.4	-3.4	36.3	-3.2	35.3	-0.3
2002	35.8	-1.4	36.3	-6.0	37.8	0.5	33.4	-2.9	36.0	-0.8	35.0	-0.8
2003	35.6	-0.6	36.4	0.3	37.9	0.3	34.4	3.0	35.6	-1.1	34.6	-1.1
2004	36.3	2.0	36.9	1.4	39.3	3.7	31.8	-7.6	36.0	1.1	36.2	4.6
2005	36.7	1.1	37.1	0.5	40.6	3.3	35.8	12.6	36.5	1.4	36.2	0.0
2006	36.5	-0.5	35.5	-4.3	40.2	-1.0	36.7	2.5	36.3	-0.5	35.9	-0.8
2007	37.0	1.4	36.4	2.5	40.5	0.7	35.5	-3.3	36.6	0.8	36.8	2.5
2008	36.2	-2.2	37.4	2.7	40.1	-1.0	33.3	-6.2	35.9	-1.9	35.6	-3.3
2008 Jan	36.2	0.6	34.4	9.6	38.0	-13.6	35.0	-8.1	36.7	0.3	35.8	5.0
Feb	35.6	-5.8	36.0	15.0	41.8	-12.7	32.7	-21.0	35.7	-6.3	34.4	-3.6
Mar	36.6	-1.1	38.9	16.1	42.0	-6.7	28.3	-16.8	37.1	1.4	35.2	-3.6
Apr	36.9	-2.6	39.3	5.4	38.6	5.2	36.7	-14.3	37.2	-3.4	35.8	-4.3
May	37.1	-1.9	41.0	0.0	39.0	1.3	32.5	-13.6	36.3	-2.9	37.0	-1.1
Jun	38.2	-0.5	37.9	-2.1	41.3	-2.1	37.2	-10.4	37.6	0.8	38.2	-0.8
Jul	36.7	-0.3	38.0	-3.8	42.1	3.4	33.5	1.5	35.2	-0.8	36.9	0.0
Aug	36.4	-0.8	42.7	6.2	38.6	7.8	33.2	-0.6	35.2	-1.9	36.2	-2.9
Sep	37.5	-0.3	39.9	8.4	41.8	15.5	34.2	1.5	37.4	1.1	36.7	-5.4
Oct	33.5	-1.8	36.3	-3.2	36.4	-5.7	31.8	14.0	33.5	2.4	32.7	-4.4
Nov	33.2	-9.3	28.5	-5.3	39.6	0.3	30.1	6.0	32.5	-10.7	33.2	-12.2
Dec	36.5	-3.2	31.8	-9.9	41.9	0.2	36.8	-5.4	36.8	-1.9	35.4	-4.8
2009 Jan	34.9	-3.6	28.2	-18.0	37.0	-2.6	32.8	-6.3	37.4	1.9	33.2	-7.3
Feb	34.9	-2.0	32.4	-10.0	41.6	-0.5	36.9	12.8	36.0	0.8	32.6	-5.2
Mar	34.8	-4.9	33.6	-13.6	39.5	-6.0	28.2	-0.4	35.3	-4.9	33.9	-3.7
Apr	34.5	-6.5	39.7	1.0	34.3	-11.1	33.8	-7.9	34.6	-7.0	33.7	-5.9
May	36.2	-2.4	41.9	2.2	38.4	-1.5	37.0	13.8	36.1	-0.6	34.7	-6.2
Jun	37.5	-1.8	44.6	17.7	41.0	-0.7	38.8	4.3	35.1	-6.6	37.2	-2.6
Jul	35.9	-2.2	44.9	18.2	38.6	-8.3	35.6	6.3	34.7	-1.4	34.5	-6.5
Aug	35.2	-3.3	42.2	-1.2	40.8	5.7	32.1	-3.3	32.5	-7.7	35.0	-3.3
Sep	37.2	-0.8	40.3	1.0	44.0	5.3	41.3	20.8	36.2	-3.2	35.7	-2.7
Oct	32.6	-2.7	32.5	-10.5	40.5	11.3	37.3	17.3	31.8	-5.1	31.4	-4.0
Nov	33.0	-0.6	32.2	13.0	38.4	-3.0	37.3	23.9	33.2	2.2	31.5	-5.1
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Nov08	36.2		37.5		39.9		33.2		35.9		35.6	
Jan-Nov09	35.2		37.5		39.5		35.6		34.8		33.9	
% Change	-2.8		-0.1		-1.2		7.1		-2.9		-4.8	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries		
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.						
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg			
1999	31.5		35.2		31.8		33.1		35.1		27.9		29.5		29.8		32.9		32.5		
2000	32.3	2.5	36.9	4.8	32.0	0.6	33.9	2.4	35.5	1.1	29.7	6.5	30.6	3.7	29.6	-0.7	34.2	4.0	33.2	2.2	
2001	31.2	-3.4	35.3	-4.3	31.2	-2.5	32.9	-2.9	33.8	-4.8	28.7	-3.4	28.9	-5.6	29.8	0.7	31.7	-7.3	32.2	-3.0	
2002	31.0	-0.6	34.8	-1.4	31.1	-0.3	33.3	1.2	34.0	0.6	29.0	1.0	29.1	0.7	28.0	-6.0	33.3	5.0	32.0	-0.6	
2003	30.8	-0.6	35.8	2.9	30.8	-1.0	32.2	-3.3	34.2	0.6	28.1	-3.1	28.0	-3.8	29.0	3.6	32.2	-3.3	31.8	-0.6	
2004	31.2	1.3	36.5	2.0	31.1	1.0	32.2	0.0	35.3	3.2	26.8	-4.6	29.1	3.9	29.3	1.0	32.3	0.3	32.3	1.6	
2005	31.5	1.0	36.5	0.0	31.1	0.0	32.9	2.2	35.1	-0.6	28.4	6.0	29.9	2.7	29.4	0.3	32.5	0.6	32.6	0.9	
2006	31.5	0.0	37.0	1.4	31.4	1.0	32.1	-2.4	34.4	-2.0	28.0	-1.4	30.0	0.3	29.2	-0.7	32.8	0.9	32.5	-0.3	
2007	31.8	1.0	37.2	0.5	32.1	2.2	32.7	1.9	34.9	1.5	28.5	1.8	29.1	-3.0	28.9	-1.0	32.8	0.0	32.9	1.2	
2008	31.3	-1.6	35.9	-3.5	31.2	-2.8	32.2	-1.5	34.3	-1.7	29.4	3.2	29.3	0.7	28.2	-2.4	32.7	-0.3	32.4	-1.5	
2008	Jan	32.1	-0.9	36.8	-3.2	31.2	-4.0	35.2	2.3	34.4	-2.8	30.9	-1.0	31.1	2.3	26.0	-10.0	35.0	1.2	33.0	-0.6
	Feb	32.1	0.3	36.3	0.8	31.9	1.3	33.7	-1.2	34.9	-5.2	31.6	5.3	29.9	-1.6	26.6	-6.3	34.0	-3.4	32.9	-0.9
	Mar	31.8	-0.3	35.0	-7.9	31.9	-0.3	33.0	0.6	35.5	-2.2	29.5	5.7	30.6	2.3	26.9	-7.9	34.2	4.0	32.8	-0.6
	Apr	32.4	-1.5	39.5	5.1	30.7	-8.9	32.7	-0.6	36.9	2.5	32.6	6.9	29.4	0.7	27.2	-9.0	34.1	-5.3	33.3	-2.1
	May	32.2	-1.5	36.1	-1.6	31.2	-8.2	34.1	3.3	35.1	-1.4	32.2	4.9	31.2	4.3	28.9	-0.3	34.1	-2.3	33.2	-1.8
	Jun	32.6	0.6	37.2	2.2	30.7	-6.7	33.3	0.6	36.0	3.7	32.6	0.0	30.9	5.5	28.7	-2.7	34.9	1.5	33.8	0.0
	Jul	30.4	-0.7	35.2	-4.1	32.2	1.6	29.1	-8.5	33.8	-1.5	21.1	12.8	28.8	6.3	29.7	1.4	30.9	-0.6	31.8	-0.6
	Aug	30.0	0.7	37.4	1.1	31.2	-2.2	31.3	-0.3	32.8	2.5	18.9	30.3	27.2	5.4	29.7	1.0	29.8	3.8	31.5	0.6
	Sep	32.3	-0.9	36.8	-4.9	31.8	2.3	32.2	-4.5	34.3	-5.0	33.1	7.5	29.1	-2.0	30.3	-0.3	33.3	6.7	33.4	-0.9
	Oct	29.2	-1.7	32.3	-6.9	29.8	-1.7	29.6	-3.3	31.4	-0.9	28.9	6.6	27.1	0.7	27.9	-3.8	28.7	2.1	30.1	-2.0
	Nov	28.8	-9.7	31.5	-17.1	29.7	-4.8	30.0	-6.5	31.2	-9.0	26.7	-13.9	25.7	-11.7	28.1	2.9	28.7	-12.8	29.7	-9.7
	Dec	32.1	-0.9	35.3	-8.1	32.3	0.9	33.2	2.5	35.8	0.0	30.5	1.3	30.9	-1.0	27.8	4.9	34.4	2.4	33.0	-1.5
2009	Jan	31.7	-1.2	34.9	-5.2	31.9	2.2	33.1	-6.0	36.1	4.9	29.3	-5.2	30.6	-1.6	26.7	2.7	34.5	-1.4	32.3	-2.1
	Feb	31.5	-1.9	35.2	-3.0	31.2	-2.2	34.5	2.4	36.2	3.7	28.7	-9.2	29.3	-2.0	26.9	1.1	35.3	3.8	32.2	-2.1
	Mar	29.0	-8.8	34.6	-1.1	29.9	-6.3	30.3	-8.2	33.1	-6.8	16.6	-43.7	29.2	-4.6	26.4	-1.9	33.1	-3.2	30.2	-7.9
	Apr	29.5	-9.0	34.4	-12.9	29.0	-5.5	31.0	-5.2	34.1	-7.6	24.8	-23.9	26.9	-8.5	27.1	-0.4	32.2	-5.6	30.5	-8.4
	May	31.1	-3.4	37.0	2.5	30.9	-1.0	33.5	-1.8	33.7	-4.0	29.8	-7.5	28.5	-8.7	26.8	-7.3	33.6	-1.5	32.1	-3.3
	Jun	31.8	-2.5	37.0	-0.5	31.2	1.6	34.7	4.2	33.3	-7.5	30.7	-5.8	29.7	-3.9	28.4	-1.0	36.1	3.4	32.9	-2.7
	Jul	30.2	-0.7	36.9	4.8	30.8	-4.3	33.7	15.8	31.0	-8.3	17.1	-19.0	28.5	-1.0	28.7	-3.4	34.0	10.0	31.3	-1.6
	Aug	29.0	-3.3	33.8	-9.6	30.6	-1.9	33.2	6.1	30.0	-8.5	14.0	-25.9	27.7	1.8	28.8	-3.0	30.9	3.7	30.3	-3.8
	Sep	32.3	0.0	36.5	-0.8	31.2	-1.9	33.7	4.7	34.3	0.0	32.7	-1.2	29.9	2.7	28.5	-5.9	33.9	1.8	33.3	-0.3
	Oct	28.8	-1.4	31.3	-3.1	28.9	-3.0	30.0	1.4	30.1	-4.1	27.4	-5.2	26.4	-2.6	27.6	-1.1	30.6	6.6	29.6	-1.7
	Nov	28.5	-1.0	32.9	4.4	28.5	-4.0	28.9	-3.7	31.1	-0.3	27.5	3.0	25.0	-2.7	27.4	-2.5	29.6	3.1	29.4	-1.0
	Dec																				
Average:																					
Jan-Nov08	31.3		35.8		31.1		32.2		34.2		28.9		29.2		28.2		32.5		32.3		
Jan-Nov09	30.3		35.0		30.4		32.4		33.0		25.3		28.3		27.6		33.1		31.3		
% Change	-3.1		-2.4		-2.4		0.7		-3.5		-12.4		-2.9		-2.2		1.7		-3.2		

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

B.C. EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

This is a monthly report designed to assist analysts monitoring changes in inter-provincial and inter-industrial earnings and employment levels. The report provides figures on persons employed and actual dollars earned. Primary emphasis, however, is placed on the 'percentage change' data to help highlight recent trends and/or structural shifts. Questions or comments should be directed to Ian Darling at (250) 387-0684 or Ian.Darling@gov.bc.ca.

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Average Hourly Wage Rate & Average Weekly Wage Rate

Beginning January 1997, information is collected on the usual wages or salary of employees at their main job. Respondents are asked to report their wage/salary before taxes and other deductions, and include tips, commissions and bonuses.

Average Weekly Hours Worked

Average actual number of hours worked per week, main job, is calculated by dividing total hours by the total number of employed persons. When a respondent holds more than one job or business, the job or business involving the greatest number of usual hours worked is considered to be the main job.

Real (after inflation) Average Weekly Wage Rate

Average weekly wage rates, as defined above, minus the rate of inflation as measured by the applicable Vancouver, Canada, or U.S. consumer price index.

Employment (derived from Labour Force Survey, Cat No. 71-001) (Actual)

All persons during the reference week who either a) did any work for pay or profit, or b) had a job but were absent because of illness, weather, vacation, labour disputes, or personal or family responsibility. United States trends are calculated from civilian employment seasonally adjusted data published by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Employment by Industry

Employment by industry is based on the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

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